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EFFECTIVE NOV. 19

No quarantine for fully vaxxed travelers in vaccinated homes

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Effective Nov. 19, fully vaccinated travelers with proof of a fully vaccinated household will no longer need to quarantine.

Fully vaccinated travelers with a household that is not verified to be fully vaccinated will have to quarantine at a designated site for five days. Unvaccinated travelers will have to quarantine at a designated site for seven days.

These are the upcoming changes to the CNMI's COVID-19 quarantine protocols that were unveiled yesterday during the "CNMI Safe Travel Summit" at the Kensington Hall at Kensington Hotel Saipan.

The event, organized by

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muña, second from right, makes a presentation during yesterday's "Safe Travel Summit" at the Kensington Hall of the Kensington Hotel Saipan. Others in photo are, seated from left, Governor's COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren F. Villagomez, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and regional epidemiologist Stephanie Kern-Allely.
JOSHUA SANTOS

Frances Dela Cruz, third from left, executive assistant of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, takes her oath before the House of Representatives Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee yesterday in the House of Representatives chamber. Dela Cruz is flanked by her counsel, Viola Alepuyo, second from left, and Gilbert Birnbrich, counsel for the Office of the Governor.
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JGO holds Dela Cruz in contempt

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The House of Representatives Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee held Frances M. Dela Cruz in criminal contempt at the JGO hearing yesterday after she stood her ground and refused to answer questions, repeatedly reading instead a statement citing her reasons for objecting to the subpoena issued her.

Dela Cruz, who is the executive assistant to Gov.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

Biden signs $1T infrastructure deal

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Joe Biden signed his hard-fought $1 trillion infrastructure deal into law Monday before a bipartisan, celebratory crowd on the White House lawn, declaring that the new infusion of cash for roads,

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AT A GLANCE

As of 5:50pm, Nov. 16, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated:	84.4%
Days since last community transmission	2

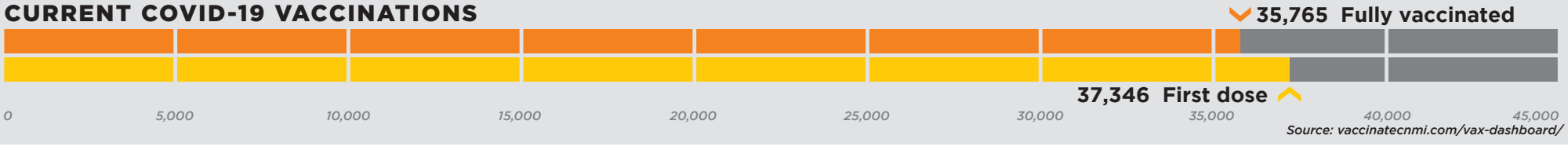
Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	32,419
Fully Vaccinated:	30,079
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,927
Fully Vaccinated:	4,750
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	936

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	18,942	41	18,983
Recovered	16,916	0	16,916
Active	1,766	41	1,807
Deaths	258	2	260

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	389	4	393
Traced via Travel Screening	264	0	264
Traced via Community Screening	125	4	129
Deaths	3	0	3

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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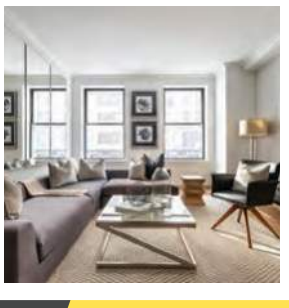

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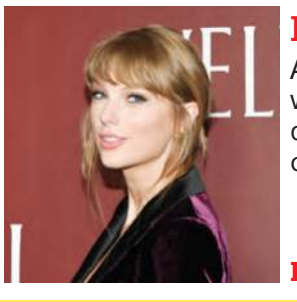

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Rep. Camacho pleads not guilty

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Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) pleaded not guilty yesterday to the allegation that he, along with two others, assaulted a man in the village of China Town last Oct. 29.

During his arraignment hearing before Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo yesterday, the lawmaker entered a plea of not guilty to charges of assault and battery, among other charges.

Camacho

Camacho, who remains out on bail while he awaits further court proceedings, was ordered to return to court for a status conference before Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio on Jan. 11, at 1:30pm.

Meanwhile, one of two men accused of abetting Camacho in the alleged assault, Tiepo Nikiti, showed up in court yesterday pursuant to a penal summons issued by the clerk of court. However, Tiepo was ordered to return to court on Nov. 29, at 9am to be arraigned and for a penal summons hearing.

Nikiti and Camacho were both charged with assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly assaulting Commonwealth Ports Authority master electrician Steven Koch while he was on a walk with his daughter on the evening of Oct. 29, near their home in China Town.

The other individual who was also accused of assaulting Koch is reportedly a 14-year-old juvenile.

Camacho, 60, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on the evening of Nov. 2, 2021, but he immediately posted $1,250 cash bail and is out of custody.

Due to the alleged assault, Koch reportedly suffered abrasions, bruising, and pain in his head and body from the blows, and was taken to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. for examination.

On Nov. 1, Koch, his wife and daughter asked the Superior Court to issue a temporary restraining order against Camacho, Nikiti, Ignacio "Ike" S. Concepcion, and Fiel Reynaldo Ortiz. This was later granted, with Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho finding cause on Nov. 12 and issuing a TRO and a one-year protective order against Camacho, Nikiti, Concepcion, and Ortiz.

The assault incident is believed to have stemmed from a longstanding animosity between Koch and his brother-in-law, Concepcion.

Torres says COVID not going to leave anytime soon

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres underscored Friday the importance of vaccinating children from COVID-19 as he believes the virus is not going to leave the CNMI or even the rest of the world anytime soon.

Torres

Speaking at his regular radio press briefing, Torres emphasized the need to continue vaccinating children ages 5 to 11 and urged adults who are still unvaccinated to get the shots now.

He said COVID-19 is going to be part of the norm in the CNMI sooner than later. "We don't want to miss that boat to get vaccinated," Torres said.

In response to a question about Korean tourists under the travel bubble program, the governor said they have not gotten any communication from South Korea government on concerns about the recent cases of community transmission.

Torres said they have worked so hard for the CNMI community to be the safest place in the world from this pandemic.

"I believe that we are still at that," he said, citing that they have reached all of their goals from Day 1 such as providing enough Personal Protective Equipment to health professions, schools, all branches government, and private sector.

"We've done our shut down. We have done everything we can to protect our community knowing the fact that there is no program that can 100% safeguard everybody," he said.

Torres said the CNMI is still safe, but doesn't mean that people should not be careful.

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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board of Directors is hereby giving notice that it will hold its 1st regular quarterly board meeting for FY 2022 on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CNMI Scholarship Office Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes – 2nd Regular Quarter FY 2021
V. Board Correspondences
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  a. FY 2022 Budget
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XII. Adjournment

/s/ Geralyn C. Dela Cruz, Chairwoman

CNMI's total now at 393 after four new positive cases

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Four more individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, identified through contact tracing on Nov. 14, according to a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. news release Monday night. This brings the CNMI's total to 393. CHCC also announced that, as of Nov. 15, there are 53 active cases. CHCC also reported that a total of 115 tests were conducted on Nov. 14 comprising travel and surveillance testing.

In Guam, its Joint Information Center was notified of two more COVID-19-related fatalities, 41 new cases, and 28 cases that are hospitalized.

Since Oct. 28, there have been 102 new cases in the CNMI. Of the 102, 75 were identified through contact tracing, 18 through community-based testing, and nine through travel testing.

In related news, the CNMI Office of the Governor, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force held yesterday an event called the "CNMI Safe Travel Summit" at the Kensington Hall of Kensington Hotel Saipan.

The event, which was attended by many of the CNMI's public and private sector stakeholders, featured CHCC and the task force providing updates on the CNMI's COVID-19 response and future updates to COVID-19 safety protocols.

In a portion of his opening remarks during the event, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres spoke of the importance of cooperation in the CNMI's collective efforts against COVID-19 and that the funds spent so far on the CNMI's COVID-19 response is money well-spent in terms of lives saved.

"Throughout the course of this response, cooperation is our story. Because of cooperation and collaboration, and despite the recent community transmission, we can confidently say that we have consistently made the CNMI one of the safest [places] in the world from COVID-19. We are proactive, [adjusted] what we needed to, [listened] to the science and health experts, and [communicated] transparently with our people," said Torres. "The funds that we have spent on our COVID-19 response are pennies to the dollars that translate to all the lives we have saved [in] our community. Picture this: [it could have been] 6,000 to 8,000 cases and up to 500 deaths. Today, we're barely at 400 positive cases. …That's a success in itself."

In the latest news release from Guam's JIC, it said that Guam's 259th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Memorial Hospital on Nov. 15, 2021. The patient was a 66-year-old male, unvaccinated with underlying health conditions. He tested positive on Oct. 9, 2021.

The 260th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at GMH on Nov. 16, 2021. The patient was an 80-year-old male, unvaccinated with underlying health conditions. He tested positive on Nov. 3, 2021.

Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero later released the following statement: "[First gentleman] Jeff [Cook], [Lt. Gov.] Josh [Tenorio], and I pray for healing and offer our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost the most during this pandemic. …The only thing we can control are our personal efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure we are all doing our part to not let the virus affect our most vulnerable loved ones."

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Survey: Majority of Pacific islanders see corruption problem

BANGKOK (AP)—A majority of Pacific islanders say corruption is a problem in their governments, with significant numbers saying they have been offered bribes for their votes, according to a new survey released Tuesday by an anti-graft watchdog group.

Transparency International said its first-ever study of Pacific countries and territories revealed that corruption is a significant problem in the region, and that its findings highlighted some worrying trends.

"This new data reveals for the first time the high levels of corruption directly experienced by people in the Pacific, which points to a pressing need for reform," said Transparency's head, Delia Ferreira Rubio.

"Governments need to listen to their people and address their corruption problems to ensure they can vote freely and access quality public services easily, regardless of who they know and what they can pay, rooted in fairness and accountability."

The survey polled more than 6,000 adults of various age groups and backgrounds from February to March 2021 in the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

It found that more than three in five people believe corruption is a problem in their government, with around a quarter saying they had been offered a bribe for their votes and 15% saying they had received threats of retaliation if they did not vote in a specific way.

The problem was seen as the worst in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, where more than 95% of respondents said government corruption was a big problem.

In an area where many are dependent on natural resources, almost half the people surveyed said the government does little to control the companies that are extracting them. More than two-thirds of the respondents also said that businesses use connections to obtain government contracts.

Despite their perceptions of high corruption, more than 60% of the people surveyed welcomed their government's strategies to fight it, saying they were doing a good job.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In RE the Guardianship of Tapan Shaha An Incompetent Person	)	FCD-GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0402
By: Qin Liu Petitioner	)	**ORDER SHORTENING TIME AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, it is hereby ordered that the time for notice of hearing for Petitioner's petition be shortened and that the hearing be set on December 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Associate Judge

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LAPTOP COMPUTER AND ACCESSORIES

INVITATION FOR BIDS
NMC IFB 22-0002

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of Information Technology Equipment for NMC CREES offices on Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

The bid specifications and Scope of Work packet may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. P, commencing WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 between the hours of 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**
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Bid submission
Procurement & Property Management Office, Bldg. P, As Terlaje Campus Saipan
Due Date and Time: 10:00am, December 13, 2021, ChST

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This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The College reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid offers for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College.

/s/ Anita Camacho
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Default judgment against IPI in *Grand Mariana* suit requested anew

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The U.S. Department of Justice-Aviation has again asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to enter a default judgment against Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and its parent company, IPI Holdings Ltd., pertaining to the over $1 million costs incurred for the removal of the damaged *Grand Mariana* yacht back in 2018.

In his most recent motion, USDOJ civil and torts division attorney Frank Anders reiterated that IPI and IPI Holdings have failed to respond to the complaint within the required time and is urging the District Court for the NMI, again, to enter a default judgement against the defendants.

The motion noted that USDOJ filed its original complaint on May 14, and IPI and IPI Holdings were served with the summons and verified complaint on Aug. 16.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, USDOJ also asked the court to enter default in the matter back in September.

Anders said the U.S. government had not granted IPI and IPI Holdings any formal or informal extensions of time to file a response to the complaint.

According to the lawsuit, the *Grand Mariana* was badly damaged after Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 and the removal costs were incurred in responding to the potential threat of oil spill from the damaged yacht. The lawsuit sought to recover $1,391,917.18 from IPI for the *Grand Mariana* incident and removal action costs.

Besides IPI and IPIH, the DOJ also named Pride Keen Ltd. as a defendant in the complaint for liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 as registered owners of the *Grand Mariana*.

The complaint stated that the U.S. government, through the Field Operations Service Center, contracted various entities, including Global Diving and Salvage, Inc., to salvage and remove the *Grand Mariana*.

On April 14, 2020, the National Pollution Funds Center sent a Notice of Potential Liability Letters to Pride Keen, IPI, and IPI Holdings advising them that the U.S. Coast Guard considered them responsible parties.

The National Pollution Funds Center demanded reimbursement for all of the outstanding removal costs and damage owed by the defendants, and on May 10, 2020, sent all defendants an invoice for $1,391,917.18.

Despite the demand, IPI, IPIH, and Pride Keen allegedly refused to reimburse the costs and damages.

JGO

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Ralph DLG Torres, was not arrested, though. JGO chair Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) excused Dela Cruz until further notice, after which the committee members who were present unanimously voted a motion to hold her in contempt.

After the voting, Babauta sent a letter to House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) to certify that they have found Dela Cruz in contempt.

Dela Cruz appeared before the committee with her counsel, Viola Alepuyo. Gilbert Birnbrich also appeared at the hearing as counsel for the Office of the Governor.

Babauta later told *Saipan Tribune* that the Legislature will not arrest Dela Cruz.

Those who voted to hold Dela Cruz in contempt were Reps. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan), Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan), Richard T. Lizama (D-Saipan), Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota), and vice speaker Blas Jonathan Attao (R-Saipan). It was Lizama who made the motion.

Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan), who joined the hearing virtually, was still considered absent as she is off-island. Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) was also absent.

To Attao's question to state her name and position, Dela Cruz stated her name and then her objection to the subpoena, which she said was dated that day at 12:42pm, less than an hour before the hearing.

Dela Cruz said the subpoena must comply with the Commonwealth Code pertaining to notice to witnesses. She said service of a subpoena requiring the attendance of a person at a hearing of an investigating committee shall be made at least five days prior to the date of the hearing unless a shorter period of time is authorized by majority vote of all the members of the committee in a particular instance.

Dela Cruz said she objects to the subpoena because she and her employer raised testimonial immunity and executive privilege as provided under the Constitutional Separation of Powers doctrine.

She said the subpoena is overbroad in that it seeks information unrelated to any of her or the governor's official duties.

She said the subpoena also exceeds the scope of legislative authority and power.

She kept repeating this by reading a prepared statement in response to all questions raised by Propst, Babauta, and Sablan.

Earlier that day, in the morning, only Alepuyo and Birnbrich appeared at the scheduled JGO hearing. Alepuyo noted that Dela Cruz did not appear because there is currently no operative subpoena compelling her appearance that day or any other time.

Babauta said the original subpoena that had summoned Dela Cruz to appear had not been quashed. The JGO, however, voted to issue another subpoena to compel her to appear at the hearing at 1:30pm later that day. Dela Cruz was then served with the second subpoena and she appeared at the afternoon hearing.

In an interview after the hearing, Alepuyo said it's "very unfortunate" that it has come to this contempt citation because her client, Dela Cruz, is stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Alepuyo said the Executive Branch, the Governor's Office, and their attorneys, Ross Garber and Birnbrich, have raised issues of constitutional executive privilege and testimonial immunities on behalf of their employee.

She said they have asked time and time again for the JGO to resolve that issue and that Dela Cruz will respect whatever decision is made between the Executive Branch and the JGO.

"But it needs to be resolved, and it's not yet resolved," the lawyer pointed out.

Alepuyo said Dela Cruz wants to do what is right and when she submitted an affidavit to the JGO, the JGO said the affidavit was not compliant and unresponsive. If that were so, then the JGO should tell them why, Alepuyo said, and give them follow-up questions that they will gladly answer.

Alepuyo said Babauta noted that she (Alepuyo) wrote a letter to her at 1am yesterday, but she (Babauta) did not acknowledge that she made that letter because they did not hear a response from her (Babauta).

"Why would you send a letter at one o'clock in the morning? Because I was waiting for a response," she said.

Alepuyo said to go this route of contempt just seems "very extreme." She said it's "very unfortunate" that Dela Cruz is being bullied by the JGO and harassed when all she wants to do is to do her job.

Before the voting, Babauta said Torres has told the media time and time again that he is willing to answer questions and even presumed to give the JGO a deadline to give him questions in writing.

At the same time, Babauta said, Torres' attorneys "uses every trick in the book" to delay the JGO investigation.

She said Dela Cruz was subpoenaed to appear weeks ago and out of respect for the Executive Branch, they accommodated her with the option to give them information in writing.

Babauta also accused Torres' lawyers of repeatedly giving advice to stonewall and object to these hearings. "They have claimed privileges and immunities with no legal basis and they have even threatened to sue the members of this committee," she said.

Babauta said they enforce their lawful subpoenas as the Legislature is a separate and co-equal branch of the government. "We will not be stymied or intimidated, and we will get to the bottom of this," she said.

Propst likened what is happening to Dela Cruz to Torres throwing her under the bus, "to allow her to be a pawn in an investigation that has nothing to do with her whatsoever except for her testimonials and information that she can provide."

He also took issue with Torres' decision to hire lawyers like Ross Garber from Washington, D.C. and David G. Banes and his associates. "And he states he has nothing to hide. Who hires $200,000 worth of lawyers when he has nothing to hide? Only somebody who has plenty to hide," he said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

BIDEN

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bridges, ports and more is going to make life "change for the better" for the American people.

But prospects are tougher for further bipartisanship ahead of the 2022 midterm elections as Biden pivots back to more difficult negotiations over his broader $1.85 trillion social spending package.

The president hopes to use the infrastructure law to build back his popularity, which has taken a hit amid rising inflation and the inability to fully shake the public health and economic risks from COVID-19.

"My message to the American people is this: America is moving again and your life is going to change for the better," he said.

With the bipartisan deal, the president had to choose between his promise of fostering national unity and a commitment to transformative change. The final measure whittled down much of his initial vision for infrastructure. Yet the administration hopes to sell the new law as a success that bridged partisan divides and will elevate the country with clean drinking water, high-speed internet and a shift away from fossil fuels.

"Folks, too often in Washington, the reason we didn't get things done is because we insisted on getting everything we want. Everything," Biden said. "With this law, we focused on getting things done. I ran for president because the only way to move our country forward in my view was through compromise and consensus."

Biden will get outside Washington to sell the plan more broadly in coming days.

He intends go to New Hampshire on Tuesday to visit a bridge on the state's "red list" for repair, and he will go to Detroit on Wednesday for a stop at General Motors' electric vehicle assembly plant, while other officials also fan out across the country. The president went to the Port of Baltimore last week to highlight how the supply chain investments from the law could limit inflation and strengthen supply chains, a key concern of voters who are dealing with higher prices.

"We see this as is an opportunity because we know that the president's agenda is quite popular," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Monday before the signing. The outreach to voters can move "beyond the legislative process to talk about how this is going to help them. And we're hoping that's going to have an impact."

Biden held off on signing the hard-fought infrastructure deal after it passed on Nov. 5 until legislators would be back from a congressional recess and could join in a splashy bipartisan event. On Sunday night before the signing, the White House announced Mitch Landrieu, the former New Orleans mayor, would help manage and coordinate the implementation of the infrastructure spending.

TRAVELERS

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the CNMI Office of the Governor, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, was attended by many of the CNMI's public and private sector stakeholders.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña said these new changes take into consideration the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's current quarantine guidelines, President Joe Biden's recent order that foreign arrivals to the U.S. must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before boarding a plane to the U.S., CHCC's current understanding of community transmission of COVID-19 in households, and CHCC's current understanding of how being vaccinated help break the chains of transmission in these households.

"Using our evidence of fully vaccinated home protection, we see a lot more [that] the spread is coming from household infections. ...We want to be able to use what we know [in tandem with] the CDC guidelines," said Muña.

She added that a policy like this has been in place before and that fully vaccinated travelers must submit verifiable documentation that they and their households are fully vaccinated in order to bypass quarantine. "We've done this before, we're going to do it again," she said.

Muña said she, CHCC, and the CNMI's other health leaders will soon be meeting with hotels regarding these protocol changes, and said that they are ready to implement these changes. She also said that there will be improvements made to contact tracing and vaccination records verification to reduce wait times.

"We're going to be talking to the hotels later on, [and] this is what the new protocols will be. It's going to take effect Nov. 19, [and] we're ready. We're going to make sure that there's quicker response from contact tracing [and] quicker response for vaccination records verification so that an individual does not have to wait," said Muña.

She said the focus will be shifting to community-based testing and that these changes effective Nov. 19 will open up opportunities for more changes in the future.

"We're going to focus on community-based testing [and] bringing more testing to the community, but we can't do that when everything else that we're doing really focuses only on the border when we already know that the science and guidelines are there. We want to move forward, and this will open up the opportunity for other changes in protocols. ...Let's work together," said Muña.

Muña also touched on current public health measures and challenges and opportunities that CHCC has seen so far in the current COVID-19 safety protocols.

Ex-chief justice Dela Cruz to launch his book at JKPL

Former NMI Supreme Court chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz will be launching his book, *The Fundamental Issues Affecting the Northern Mariana Islands*, this Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at 2pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Dela Cruz will also be signing copies of his book at the event.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP by/before Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, by contacting (670) 235-7315/7322/7323 (READ).

There is also a Zoom link available of the event at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88179656661?pwd=bGlvMEJSVEhWa1dJTjIxWkhxczd6QT0 9

This book launch will kickstart a monthlong celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

On Dec. 19, 2021, the JKPL celebrates 30 years of providing and promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and access to information in the CNMI. As a community anchor, the JKPL plans on launching a festive monthlong celebration beginning Nov. 20 to Dec. 19, 2021, which will include a variety of special exhibitions, events, activities, recommended reads and more that highlight the library's history and evolution over the decades to serve the needs of the CNMI.

Visit the CNMI's state library at www.cnmilib.org and Facebook or Instagram @joetenkiyupubliclibrary. ***(PR)***

SIS to launch student-led coloring book

Saipan International School has just started a new student-led project: Gecko Publications.

Propelled by the motto, *Endless Possibilities,* Gecko Publications will be working with external printing houses to produce selected print projects. Students will form both the production team and the editorial teams, selecting book projects of interest at school and in the broader community. So far Gecko Publications has produced three books: *The Saipan Coloring Book* and the *Advanced Placement Research* papers for 2020 and 2021.

The Saipan Coloring Book will be the first book available to the public from Gecko Publications, at SIS. It will be released on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, from 5pm to 8pm. The book will be available to purchase at SIS and at Marianas Creations. All proceeds of this book will go to enriching the art program at SIS.

Cevina Hwang, Hyeonbin Jeong, SIS teacher Whitney Altizer, and Juliane Hall pose with their AP Research Books. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Saipan Coloring Book is a collection of artwork and poems created by SIS students, with the artwork consisting of a celebration of Saipan. Each student chose an image that is commonly associated with Saipan and transformed them into works of art for others to color. The cover page, for example, is of the lookout point to Bird Island. The students determined that that was a very recognizable tourist attraction on Saipan. The other pages highlight the wonders that can be found in the CNMI's ocean as well as some favorites that you might find at home.

The students also chose historical objects of significance in the Chamorro and Carolinian cultures.

"It was hard to narrow down the submissions, but once we did Ms. Church had her students write poems that would coincide with the artwork. It was a great collaboration and the students are hoping we can make it an annual project," said an SIS statement yesterday. "We are delighted that our first publication will be ready to purchase in time for the holidays. It is a coloring book people of all ages will enjoy and a great way to share the wonders of Saipan with the world!" ***(PR)***

SIS art teacher Amie McRoberts poses with *The Saipan Coloring Book.* CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Public warned of dangerous rip currents

The public is being warned that there is a high risk of rip currents through today, Wednesday, in east facing reefs of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI emergency Operations Center State Warning Point.

Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

The public is being warned to avoid venturing out toward east facing reefs. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don''t swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. ***(PR)***

NORTHERN MARIANAS PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022

Job Description:
The Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee wishes to recruit an Administrative Assistant to be responsible for the administrative support of the NMPMG 2022. The Administrative Assistant will report directly to the NMPMG 2022 CEO. This position is an entry level role to support the sports industry management or other talent and experience in sports administration. The incumbent will need to build and maintain good relationship through his/her ability to deliver on time and quality products to the Games Organizing Committee, other stakeholder groups such as the Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), Pacific Games Council (PGC), National and International Federations.

Duties and Responsibilities:
Administrative Assistant must have experience in organizational administration that will serve games organizing committee (GOC)

- First point of contact to provide administrative support to the NMPMG 2022 events and Games Organizing Committee (GOC).
- Arrange logistics and detailed running sheets for NMPMG 2022 events in conjunction with other staff and stakeholders.
- Monitor NMPMG 2022 digital platforms to ensure accuracy and currency of information.
- Ensure effective management of electronic files, database and other digital content.
- Support CEO in development and reporting framework for NMPMG 2022 events and activities.
- Conduct specific research tasks as required.
- Other assigned duties.

Essential Qualities:

- Demonstrate Project Management experience suitable to arranging meetings or small events; or have Project Management theory and how you would practically apply it in this setting.
- Computer literacy is essential including MS Office suite along with an aptitude in learning other specific industry or commercial software.
- Basic knowledge of sports principles of the nine sports events for NMPMG 2022.
- Understanding of the principles of how sports competition includes National and International Federations.
- Excellent time management and organizational ability.
- Ability to multitask and meet constant deadlines.
- Willingness to work long hours when necessary.

Personal Attributes:

- Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills with an ability to relate to a wide range of people from different age and cultural backgrounds.
- Must be capable of working within a small team or independently.
- Be proactive with the ability to solve problems, work under pressure and meet deadlines is necessary to succeed in this role.
- Must be reliable, have a good work ethic and be able to keep progressing even when it's still ambiguous.

Hours of Work:
This is a full-time position (36 hours weekly) with occasional work outside of normal work hours.

Salary: $12.00 per hour (January 2022 - July 2022)

Language: Fluency in English, Chamorro and or Carolinian an advantage.

How to Apply: If you meet the above requirement and are interested in the position, please send a resume or curriculum vitae along with a cover letter to the following postal or email address:

Postal Mail: Administrative Assistant NMPMG2022 Application
P.O. Box 502476
Saipan, MP 96950

Email: vicente.babauta@gmail.com or info.northernmarianas2022@gmail.com

All applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, December 3, 2022

Contact Person: Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, GOC Chairman Marco Peter
Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta

2 NMC nursing alumni pass NCLEX

Northern Marianas College nursing graduates Honey May Ambay and You Jin Jun have joined the long list of NMC graduates who passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN.

Ambay

The NCLEX-RN tests an individual's nursing knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. The exam is used by nursing boards in all U.S. states and territories to award nursing licenses.

"Congratulations to Honey and You Jin on becoming the latest graduates to reach this important milestone of passing the NCLEX-RN," said NMC president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "They join many other students who have passed the NCLEX-RN in the past year."

NMC Nursing Department chair Rosa T. Aldan said that Ambay and Jun have all worked very hard in studying and preparing themselves for the NCLEX-RN exam. They both graduated with their nursing degrees in May this year.

"I applaud them for their efforts and dedication and we are very proud of their accomplishments," Aldan said. "These nurses will help play a big role in our community's healthcare needs, especially with the response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."

Ambay said her family was her primary motivator in pursuing a nursing career. "My family supported me both financially and emotionally even though we're miles apart," Ambay said. "Also, my nursing friends who stayed up with me studying, my church mates who became my second family, especially since I live alone on Saipan, and my professors who believed that we can accomplish our goals in life were key contributors to my success."

Jun

Ambay's advice for other students planning to take the exam is to ensure their physical and mental health is in check.

"If you're going to take care of other people, you should learn how to take care of yourself first," Ambay said. "Study a lot but don't forget to take breaks and to make sure that you're taking care of your health as well."

Jun said that NMC played a huge role in his success in preparing for the NCLEX-RN. "I've always been interested in the medical field and becoming a registered nurse was the first step in my career."

"My last semester in the college's Nursing program prepared me the best for the NCLEX," Jun said. "The tools such as the Kaplan were helpful in preparing for the exam. I would also like to thank Dr. Annie C. Camacho for giving me the confidence and tools necessary to tackle the NCLEX."

Jun advises other students who are planning to take the exam to not be afraid to ask questions.

"I would not be the person I am today if I did not ask the right questions," Jun said. "Your instructors and even your peers are there to help. Utilize all the resources you have."

For more information about NMC's nursing program, email Aldan at rosa.aldan@marianas.edu or call 237-6744. ***(PR)***

NORTHERN MARIANAS PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS and MARKETING SUPERVISOR

Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022

Job Description:
Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee wishes to recruit a Communications and Marketing Supervisor. This individual will report directly to the CEO. You will need to build and maintain good relationships through your ability to deliver on time and quality products to Games Organizing Committees and other stakeholder groups such as Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), Pacific Games Council (PGC), National and International Federations as well as commercial, media and community partners.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for implementing and maintaining a robust strategic organizational public relations program.
- Responsible for assisting in brand management and content distribution strategies, advertising, partnership development, and managing overall execution of the communications and marketing goals.
- Continue to increase the visibility of the events to the larger community.
- Oversees digital and social media strategy, including the evolving digital market and contributes new ideas to enhance the organization's social presence.
- Leads assignments to support the strategic vision of NMPMG 2022.
- Oversees the creation of marketing materials including managing graphic design projects to completion and acts as brand liaison to NMPMG to ensure consistent brand voice, vision, and aesthetic are achieved.
- Maintain the brand integrity of the Games. Ensure all products and offerings conform to brand identity;
- Ensure that all materials are developed and distributed according to an appropriate timeline as well as being consistent and engaging.
- Other assigned duties.

Essential Qualities

- Relevant work experience in communications and marketing, required.
- Understanding of website content management systems, required.
- Print and online advertising experience.
- Experience executing social media outreach to targeted audience segments.
- Exceptional written, oral, proofreading, branding, design oversight, interpersonal and presentation skill set.
- Strong organizational and project management skills that reflect ability to perform and prioritize multiple tasks seamlessly with excellent attention to detail.
- Ability to take initiative and manage projects assigned through completion with minimal supervision.
- Ability to work effectively, independently and as a highly resourceful team player under pressure and within deadlines.
- Ability to work creatively and with flexibility in a fast-paced environment while maintaining high work standards.

Hours of Work:
This is a full-time position (36 hours weekly) with an occasional requirement to work outside of normal office hours.

Salary: $4000.00 per month (January 2022 – July 2022)

Language: Fluency in English; Chamorro and or Carolinian an advantage

How to Apply: If you meet the above requirements and are interested in the position, please send a resume or curriculum vitae

Postal Mail: Communications and Marketing Supervisor NMPMG2022 Application
P.O. Box 502476
Saipan, MP 96950

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Contact Person: Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, GOC Chairman Marco Peter
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

LOGISTICS SUPERVISOR

Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022

Job Description:
The Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee wishes to recruit a Logistics Supervisor to be responsible for the overall coordination of all Games Logistics. The individual in this position will report directly to the NMPMG 2022 CEO. The incumbent will need to build and maintain good relationships through your ability to move materials, goods and products to ensure that they are in the right place to meet the necessary logistics needs of the Games Organizing Committee and other stakeholder groups such as the Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), Pacific Games Council (PGC), National and International Federations.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for ensuring the right products and quantities are delivered to the right location on time and in the most effective way.
- Collaborate with the relevant Committee members on venue requirements and ensure all building contacts are fully informed of capacity and requests.
- Coordinate signage and set-up in preparation for the Games.
- Oversee the management of external supplies and other materials needed by the Committee.
- Support event logistics needs throughout the Games
- Collaborate with the CEO to give strategic direction to Logistics volunteers.
- Attend and participate in the NMPMG 2022 meetings
- Contribute to a strong team relationship which emphasizes teamwork and communication.
- Build strategic relationships with various campus and community partners who support the Games.
- Other assigned duties.

Essential Qualities:

- Prior experience working in Logistics.
- Willingness to perform tasks within short timeframes
- Ability to manage high numbers of requests
- Previous experience in event planning
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with different audiences
- Strong public relations, teamwork, and organization skills
- Enthusiastic personality
- Ability to meet deadlines and work well under pressure
- Strong interpersonal, organizational, and project management skills
- Demonstrated initiative; ability to recognize problems quickly and apply sound solutions
- Results-oriented and reliable

Hours of Work:
This is a full-time position (36 hours weekly) with occasional work outside of normal work hours.

Salary: $3000.00 per month (January 2022 – June 2022)

Language: Fluency in English, Chamorro and or Carolinian an advantage.

How to Apply: If you meet the above requirement and are interested in the position, please send a resume or curriculum vitae along with a cover letter to the following postal or email address:

Postal Mail: Logistics Supervisor NMPMG2022 Application
P.O. Box 502476
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WWII ordnance blast in Marpi today

The HydroGeologic Munitions Team will be detonating World War II-era live ordnance at the Marpi Blow Pit on Saipan today, Nov. 17, between the hours of 10am and 4pm. This means there will be no access to the Marpi Landfill, Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, and Grotto while this activity is ongoing.

In a notice yesterday from the CNMI Emergency Operation Center-State Warning Point, it said the location of this activity will be at Marpi Blow Pit within 500 feet radius on all quadrants to 2,500 feet above sea level. The Marpi Road will be closed from 10am to 4pm for the duration of this operation.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, the public are urged to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

For more information, contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- State Warning Point at telephone number (670)237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

UN experts review plans for release of nuclear plant water

TOKYO (AP)—A team from the U.N. nuclear agency arrived in Japan on Monday to assess preparations for the release into the ocean of treated radioactive water from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant.

The six experts on the team from the International Atomic Energy Agency are to meet with Japanese officials and visit the Fukushima Daiichi plant to discuss technical details of the planned release, Japanese officials said.

The government and the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings, announced plans in April to start gradually releasing the treated radioactive water in the spring of 2023 to allow for the removal of hundreds of storage tanks to make room for facilities needed for the destroyed plant's decommissioning.

The plan has been fiercely opposed by fishermen, local residents and Japan's neighbors, including China and South Korea.

Japan has requested assistance from the IAEA to ensure the discharge meets international safety standards and to gain the understanding of the international community. The team currently in Japan includes three IAEA officials and one each from South Korea, France and Russia. A larger 11-member IAEA mission is expected next month.

Japanese economy and industry minister Koichi Hagiuda pledged last week that Japan will explain the outcome of the IAEA reviews to the international community "in a courteous and transparent manner."

A separate IAEA taskforce on water testing earlier collected fish samples from the Fukushima coast as part of a routine review along with technical assistance for the plant's decommissioning. That team also included an expert from South Korea.

A massive earthquake and tsunami in 2011 knocked out the Fukushima Daiichi plant's cooling systems, triggering the meltdown of three reactors. Since then, large amounts of water used to cool the still highly radioactive reactor cores has leaked extensively. The contaminated water is being stored in about 1,000 tanks which are expected to reach their capacity next year.

Japanese officials say the water must be removed to allow the decommissioning of the plant, and that its release into the ocean is the most realistic option.

NORTHERN MARIANAS PACIFIC MINI GAMES 2022

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

SPORTS DIRECTOR (Games Management)

Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022

Job Description:
Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee wishes to recruit a Sports Director. This individual will report directly to the CEO. You will need to build and maintain good relationships through your ability to ensure compliance with rules to Games Organizing Committees and other stakeholder groups such as Northern Marianas Sports Association (NMSA), Pacific Games Council (PGC), National and International Federations.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Coordinating with NMSA and the National and International Federations about the scheduling of event venues
- Coordinating officials and umpires/referees
- Ensure compliance with PGC and International Federation or other association rules.
- Ensure all equipment is available and compliant with International Federation rules.
- Coordinate activities of assigned volunteers.
- Report unclean conditions, safety hazards and malfunctioning equipment.
- Other assigned duties.

Essential qualities:

- Experience in coordinating sports and/or leagues
- Knowledge of current rules and regulations of the NMPMG 2022 sports events
- Knowledge of computers and software applications as related to sports.
- Demonstrated knowledge of sports programming and equipment
- Knowledge of sports planning, control and scheduling
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills

Hours of Work:
This is a full-time position (36 hours weekly) with an occasional requirement to work outside of normal office hours.

Salary: $5000.00 per month per month (January 2022 - June 2022)

Language: Fluency in English; Chamorro and or Carolinian an advantage

How to Apply: If you meet the above requirements and are interested in the position, please send a resume or curriculum vitae

Postal Mail: Sports Director (Games Management) NMPMG2022 Application
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-22-003

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BUCKET TRUCKS AND TRUCK CRANE

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the supply and delivery of six bucket trucks and one 30ton truck crane for the CUC Power Distribution in Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded from the United states Department of the Interior (USDOIA).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-22-003, Supply and Delivery of Bucket Trucks and Truck Crane)"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 6, 2021** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract. The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 12, 2021**, to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, CUC Power Division Manager via email lee.lieto@cucgov.org, and Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division Engineer at email adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-22-006

Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the installation of a Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network in CUC Saipan, CUC Tinian and CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one package.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of your submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-22-006: Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. on November 26, 2021**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. The Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2021** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email, manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Patrick Reyes, CUC IT Analyst at patrick.reyes@cucgov.org and to Marcela Tenorio, CUC's Senior Administrative Technician at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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EDITORIAL

Stop shaming Matthew McConaughey and other parents over COVID vaccines

It was a record-scratch of a moment: Texas actor and potential gubernatorial hopeful Matthew McConaughey, who is vaccinated against COVID-19, declared in an interview last week that his younger children are unvaccinated and that he wants more information.

The comment sparked a headline frenzy and touched off waves of dismay and judgment on social media, where all nuance goes to die. Anyone who takes the time to absorb McConaughey's full comments will learn that his wife, mother and 13-year-old child are vaccinated, that he supports mask use, and that he rejects the belief that vaccines are a Big Pharma conspiracy.

It's imperative that we vaccinate the youngest Americans so that school and other aspects of their lives and everyone's lives can go back to normal. Yet even well-meaning parents will need convincing. Instead of busting out the pitchforks, our country needs to do more soul-searching on how to better persuade families about the benefits of the shots.

What some of us may not realize is just how many of our neighbors, friends and co-workers who are parents share McConaughey's hesitance. According to a recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation, only 1 in 3 parents of kids ages 5 to 11 said they would consent to their kids getting the vaccine as soon as possible. Another third of parents said they would wait and see, and the other third said they would definitely not get shots for their kids.

Even parents who are vaccinated, like McConaughey, have told reporters and researchers that they have fears about how the shots will impact their children. Academics from Northeastern, Harvard, Rutgers and Northwestern universities found that roughly 40% to 50% of vaccinated parents surveyed in September described the newness of the vaccine, its immediate side effects and its long-term effects as a "major concern" when thinking about their children. Those percentages were higher among unvaccinated parents.

We'd like to borrow a page from Dr. Vivek Murthy, the U.S. surgeon general. In response to McConaughey's comments, he said it's OK for parents to ask questions about the COVID-19 vaccines, and he urged them to talk to their doctor and consult credible health sources. But he also argued that getting the shots is ultimately the right decision, pointing out that the illness has sent thousands of children to the hospital and killed some of them.

"As a dad of a child who has been hospitalized several years ago for another illness, I would never wish upon any parent they have a child that ends up in the hospital," Murthy told CNN.

Murthy gets at the heart of the matter: Parents' top concern is the well-being of their children, not an abstract duty to protect one's community. Doctors and other trusted messengers must continue to emphasize that vaccines are safe for children and address individual concerns about potential side effects. They must continue to remind parents that the vaccines will get their children to resume their social lives safely and stave off more quarantines and virtual schooling.

Parent-shaming is a popular sport, but we don't have to play it.

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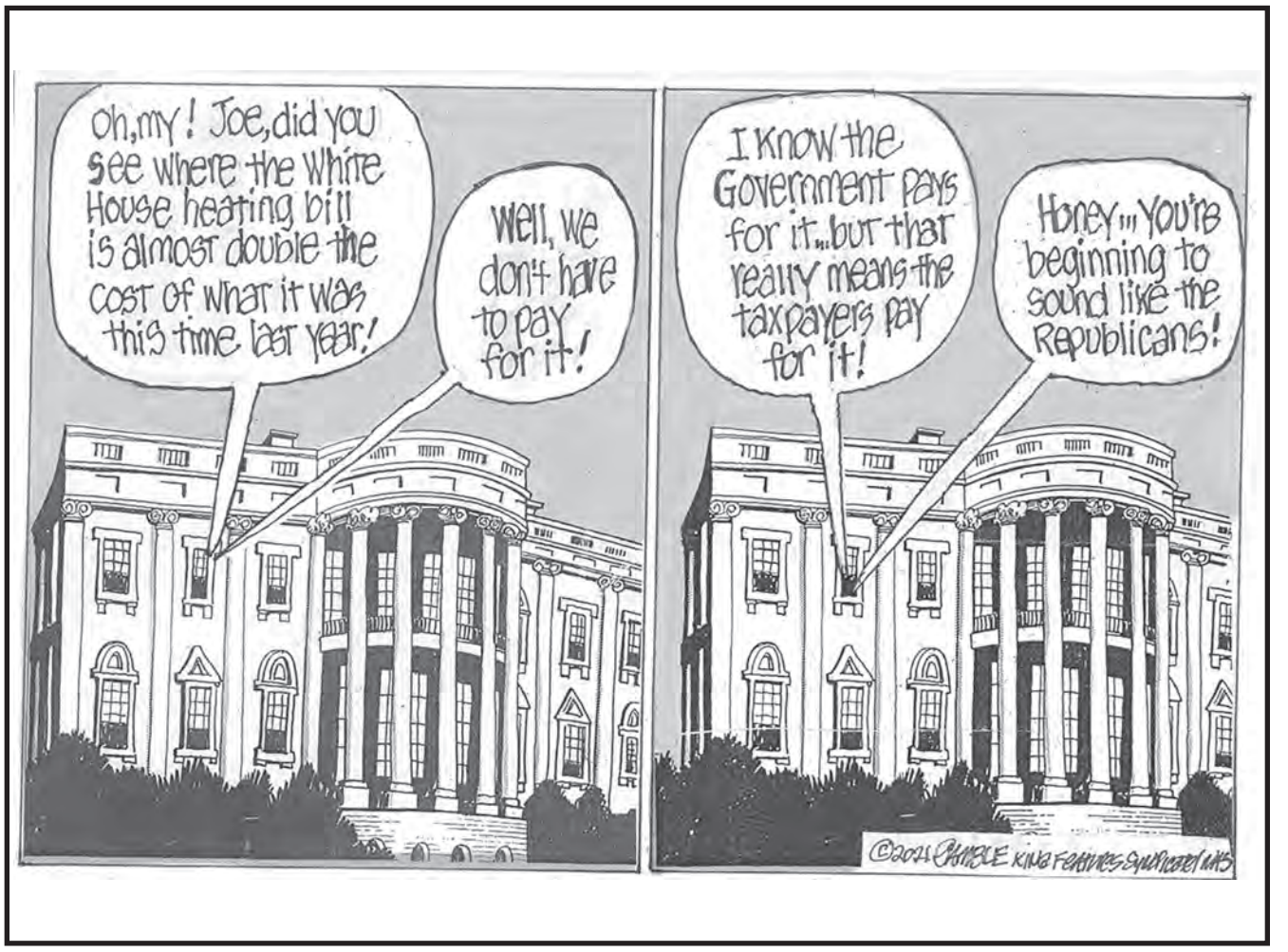
Oh, my! Joe, did you see where the White House heating bill is almost double the cost of what it was this time last year!
Well, we don't have to pay for it!
I know the Government pays for it... but that really means the taxpayers pay for it!
Honey... You're beginning to sound like the Republicans!
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How the US can fight the crisis of violence against Indigenous women and girls

By DERON MARQUEZ, KEELY MARQUEZ and TED GOVER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The United States has yet to deal adequately with the crisis of the vast numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in our country. But next week, for the first time since 2016, the White House Tribal Nations Summit will be held, providing tribal leaders an opportunity to address how to fight the epidemic of abuse against Native American women and girls with President Joe Biden and members of his administration.

According to a 2016 study funded by the National Institute of Justice, more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence during their lifetimes, 84.3% of that population. Within this group, 56.1% have suffered from sexual violence and 55.5% have experienced physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner. Indigenous women are 1.2 times as likely as non-Hispanic white women to have suffered from violence.

Nationwide, approximately 2,700 cases of murder and negligent homicide offenses involving Indigenous victims have been reported to the federal government's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Roughly 1,500 missing American Indians and Alaska Natives are shown in the National Crime Information Center's records, and the Urban Indian Health Institute found that more than 5,700 Indigenous women and girls went missing in 2016 alone. Record keeping of these cases is haphazard and often afflicted with biases.

Understandably, one can feel overwhelmed by these egregious numbers.

There have been some recent steps in the right direction. Last year Congress passed the Not Invisible Act, which is tasked with enhancing coordination within the government to identify and fight violent crime against Native Americans.

In April, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland formed a Missing & Murdered Unit within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services. This unit will provide direction on interagency and cross-departmental work related to missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Despite these efforts, a crisis of this magnitude requires many additional measures to significantly combat the problem. Here are practices and policies that need to be carried out:

Enhance information sharing and crime database access among federal, tribal, state and local law enforcement.

Strengthen standards for tracking and for working across jurisdictions to help find missing Indigenous persons. Providing more information and training on how to use the Ashlynne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act, which makes federally recognized tribes eligible for AMBER Alert grants and integrates regional AMBER Alert communication plans with tribes across the nation, is one path to consider.

Improve websites for the reporting of missing Indigenous persons. The website used by the Blackfeet Nation and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana would be a good prototype.

Create more Indigenous-based domestic violence shelters that provide prompt, culturally appropriate support to victims. Current needs are unmet as there are only 58 Native domestic violence shelters in the United States.

Establish public education campaigns for non-Native communities geared toward heightening awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

Create clear, uniform standards for the filing of police reports for missing persons to allow victims' families better access to state and federal compensation funds. Too often, families are unable to receive these funds due to inconsistencies in the filing of these reports.

Provide additional accreditation for tribal police and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that regularly work cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Training should include instruction in tribal sovereignty, cultural awareness and missing Indigenous women and girls issues. Increased recruitment of Native Americans for law enforcement positions across jurisdictions would also help.

Addressing the problem of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls requires sustained efforts and commitments across multiple jurisdictions, as well as support from nonprofits, institutions of learning, businesses, faith-based organizations and the broader public. Above all, it requires direction and backing from America's elected representatives. Our missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls deserve the focus and resources they've never been given.

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Do Americans really want politics to be normal again?

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After five years of political, economic and social upheaval in America, this month has seen some hints of a return to normalcy. The question is whether the two political parties (and their rabid ideological bases) are willing to settle for the benefits of "normal" politics instead of going for the "transformative" variety—which is tempting but almost always destructive.

Consider the events of November so far: Republicans won a gubernatorial race in Virginia by running an issues-based appeal to voters, particularly on education. Democrats passed legislation filled with hundreds of billions of dollars to build and repair physical infrastructure in all 50 states.

Are the parties reverting to form? It's not quite that simple. But they're getting there.

In Virginia, for example, Democrats say that Republicans won by appealing to racism, which is how they view the education issue, especially the attack on "critical race theory." But education was a flashpoint in Virginia long before CRT was on the political radar. The "normal" that Virginia voters wanted to return to was one in which schools are open on a regular basis. That frustration boiled over into other subjects, such as curriculum (which was much more accessible to parents due to remote learning).

It's not unusual for a governor's race to turn on the issue of education, after all—or on property taxes, which was the issue in New Jersey, where Gov. Phil Murphy nearly lost reelection because of it. When he doubled down on a prior statement that New Jersey is "probably not your state" if all you care about is taxes, it nearly proved fatal. But, again, this was a perfectly normal partisan fight, even if the potency of the issue caught Democrats by surprise.

In Washington, meanwhile, House Democrats passed a bipartisan infrastructure bill already approved by the Senate. President Joe Biden is expected to sign it this week. Once upon a time, this process would barely warrant a mention. But in this partisan era, bipartisanship is a dirty word.

One of the challenges of any "return to normalcy," of course, is a question: Which normal?

Part of former President Donald Trump's appeal in 2016 was a rejection of the "normal" politics of the previous few decades, which largely failed working-class America. With his anti-establishment, "I alone can fix it" rhetoric, he promised to make Washington functional.

To say that he failed to deliver would be a huge understatement. To take just one example: His repeated declarations of "infrastructure week" became a running joke that Biden himself poked at. What fewer people remember is that, in April 2019, Trump struck a deal with Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer to spend $2 trillion on infrastructure. Weeks later, Trump reneged because congressional committees were investigating him.

Fast forward to this month, when Trump criticized Republicans for voting for an infrastructure bill costing less than half the one he supported just two years ago. Trump acolytes such as Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene called the Republicans who supported the bill traitors.

This is the dilemma for Biden: Americans desperately want to return to pre-pandemic normal, but not necessarily Trump-era normal, or even pre-Trump-era normal. Biden was elected to return to the "good" parts of normal (schools staying open, for example) without the bad parts (petulant presidential meltdowns).

The test for Democrats is whether they can resist the temptation to transform American society and government through social welfare programs. For Republicans, it's whether they can resist the siren song of Trumpism. The main challenge for both parties, and the key to any return to normal for the country, is simply to show competence at the basics of governing.

Can Biden and Xi talk their way out of a slide into conflict?

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WASHINGTON—Inflection points in global politics don't often announce themselves in advance. But the complex and dangerous relationship between the United States and China may reach such a moment Monday, when President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, hold a virtual summit meeting.

For almost a decade under three U.S. presidents, the two superpowers have slid into more frequent confrontation as an increasingly assertive China has collided with the United States and its allies.

The frictions flared during the administration of President Barack Obama after Xi, an ambitious nationalist, rose to power in Beijing. President Donald Trump sharpened the conflict, imposing large tariffs on Chinese goods and accusing Xi's government of unleashing the COVID-19 pandemic.

When Biden came to office, many in both countries expected tensions to ease—but the new president kept Trump's tariffs in place and made it clear that he wanted to negotiate new rules to constrain China's behavior.

In March, a meeting in Alaska between Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Chinese foreign policy chief Yang Jiechi began with a bitter exchange of accusations over trade and human rights.

Months of friction followed. U.S. officials criticized China for bullying smaller nations in Asia and repressing its Muslim Uyghur minority. China's air force increased its sorties near Taiwan, the self-governing island that Beijing claims as part of its territory; the U.S., Britain and Canada sent warships through the Taiwan Strait in a show of allied force.

The U.S. commander in the Pacific warned that China might attack Taiwan by 2027; Biden said he had an obligation to help the island defend itself.

Pentagon officials warned that China was accelerating its military buildup, putting it on pace to quadruple its nuclear weapons to 1,000 warheads by 2030.

The United States strengthened its alliances in Asia, including a deal to supply nuclear-powered submarines to Australia as part of a new military pact dubbed AUKUS.

It looked and sounded like an inexorable march toward conflict.

Biden aides say some of the friction was necessary. It was important, national security adviser Jake Sullivan said last week, to "show that China's efforts at pushing other [countries] around will not ultimately be successful."

The confrontation offered Biden one more benefit: It helped win bipartisan support in Congress for two parts of his domestic economic program, his $1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and a $250 billion technology spending measure that quickly became known as the "China bill."

His pitch wasn't subtle.

"If we don't get moving, they're going to eat our lunch," the president told senators in February, referring to the competition with Beijing.

Soon, some members of Congress were pushing the president and the administration to get even tougher on China, especially in regard to Taiwan.

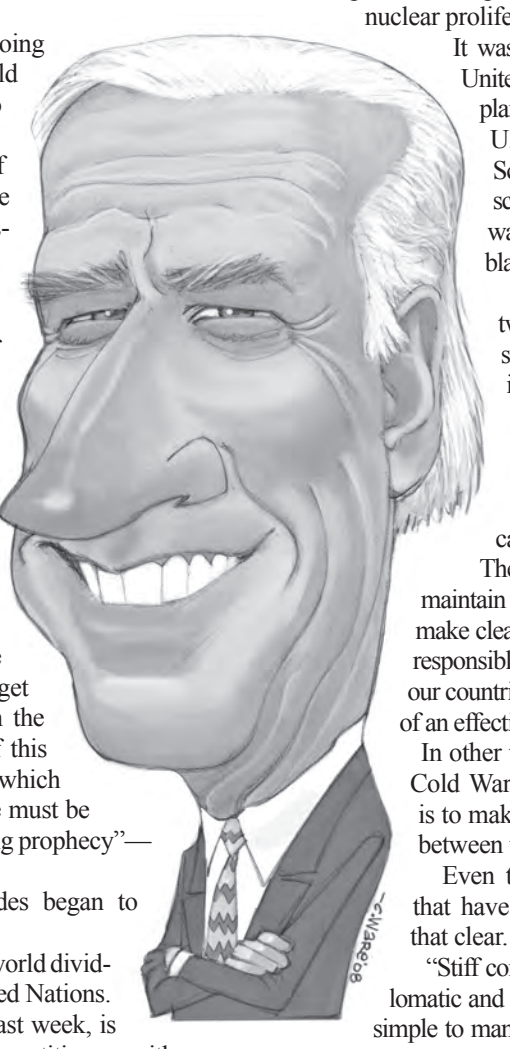
It began to look as if the administration had stumbled into the story of the sorcerer's apprentice: It had created a new, more hawkish consensus on China, but the anti-Beijing fervor was threatening to spiral out of control.

"They are digging a hole that's going to be difficult to get out of," a former top official in the Obama administration told me. "If this turns into a zero-sum situation, one in which one side must prevail and the other side must be defeated, that will make it a self-fulfilling prophecy"—a march toward war.

By September, Biden and his aides began to stop digging.

"We are not seeking a Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs," the president told the United Nations.

All the United States wants, Sullivan said last week, is "to set the terms for an effective and healthy competition … with guardrails and risk-reduction measures in place to ensure that things don't veer off into conflict."



The U.S. hopes it can cooperate with China on climate change, nuclear proliferation and other issues, he added.

It was a good sign last week when the United States and China issued a joint plan to slow global warming at the U.N. climate change conference in Scotland—a last-minute effort whose scope was modest but whose effect was to spare both Xi and Biden from blame if the summit failed.

This week's meeting between the two presidents, their first full-scale summit, could cover a long list of issues: nuclear proliferation, trade talks, easing military tensions in the Taiwan Strait, even visa regulations.

But administration officials are carefully setting the bar low.

The aim, a Biden aide told me, is "to maintain open channels of communication, make clear U.S. intentions and priorities, and responsibly manage the competition between our countries. ... This is about setting the terms of an effective competition."

In other words, to borrow a term from the Cold War with the Soviet Union, the goal is to make "peaceful coexistence" possible between two incompatible governments.

Even that won't be easy. The frictions that have built over the last decade make that clear.

"Stiff competition" between economic, diplomatic and nuclear superpowers won't ever be simple to manage, and one summit meeting isn't going to end their disagreements. But it can begin the process of defusing them, and that would be an important step.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.
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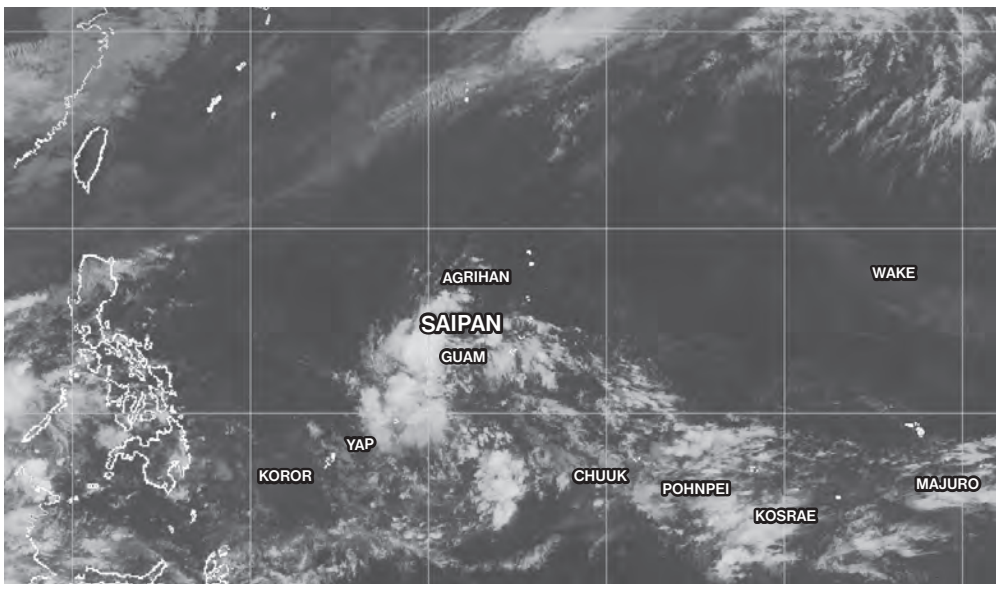

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms moving through the Marianas Waters. The Ipan buoy reveals combined seas of 6 to 7 feet, composed mainly of an east trade-wind swell with wind waves on top.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:43 PM
Saturday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:21 AM	4:23 PM
Thursday	-	5:09 AM	5:00 PM
Friday	-	5:57 AM	5:39 PM
Saturday	-	6:48 AM	6:21 PM
Sunday	-	7:39 AM	7:06 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	70° / 57°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	43° / 23°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 73°
Honolulu	Sunny	81° / 71°
London	Cloudy	55° / 43°
Los Angeles	Cloudy	72° / 59°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°
Miami	Showers	79° / 70°
New York	Showers	50° / 46°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	57° / 48°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	52° / 39°
Busan	Showers	61° / 36°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	64° / 45°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	69° / 45°
San Francisco	Showers	58° / 46°
Seoul	Rain	50° / 23°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	55° / 46°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	56° / 36°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:42 AM	Low Tide	0.11
6:56 AM	High Tide	1.52
12:30 PM	Low Tide	0.70
6:11 PM	High Tide	1.75

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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UA117	9:50am	10:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	8:00pm	9:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:20am	9:50pm	2, 4, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	6
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:30am	6:16am	2, 4, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:46am	1, 3, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:40pm	4:30am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:55pm	4:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 6, 7 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
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1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
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1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

Business

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated second from right, holds up the proclamation he signed last Nov. 15, 2021, that designates Nov. 15 to 19 National Apprenticeship Week in the CNMI. The proclamation comes as the CNMI Department of Labor, NMC, the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and the CNMI Public School System are in the process of creating an apprenticeship program that will build a highly-skilled and diverse workforce in the CNMI. Torres was joined at the proclamation signing at the Office of the Governor's conference room by acting Education commissioner Eric Magofna of the Public School System, Northern Marianas Technical Institute chief executive officer Jodina Attao, Northern Marianas College president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda, and NMTI trustees, among others.

Roads, transit, internet: What's in the infrastructure plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The $1 trillion infrastructure plan that President Joe Biden signed into law Monday has money for roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more.

The plan promises to reach almost every corner of the country. It's a historic investment that the president has compared to the building of the transcontinental railroad and Interstate Highway System. The White House is projecting that the investments will add, on average, about 2 million jobs per year over the coming decade.

The bill cleared the House on a 228-206 vote Nov. 5, ending weeks of intraparty negotiations in which liberal Democrats insisted the legislation be tied to a larger social spending bill—an effort to press more moderate Democrats to support both.

The Senate passed the legislation on a 69-30 vote in August after rare bipartisan negotiations, and the House kept that compromise intact. Thirteen House Republicans voted for the bill, giving Democrats more than enough votes to overcome a handful of defections from progressives.

A breakdown of the bill that became law Monday:

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The bill would provide $110 billion to repair the nation's aging highways, bridges and roads. According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America's highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition. The almost $40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The $39 billion for public transit in the legislation would expand transportation systems, improve accessibility for people with disabilities and provide dollars to state and local governments to buy zero-emission and low-emission buses. The Transportation Department estimates that the current repair backlog is more than 24,000 buses, 5,000 rail cars, 200 stations and thousands of miles of track and power systems.

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT RAIL

To reduce Amtrak's maintenance backlog, which has worsened since Superstorm Sandy nine years ago, the bill would provide $66 billion to improve the rail service's Northeast Corridor (457 miles, 735 km), as well as other routes. It's less than the $80 billion originally sought by Biden—who famously rode Amtrak from Delaware to Washington during his time in the Senate—but it would be the largest federal investment in passenger rail service since Amtrak was founded 50 years ago.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The bill would spend $7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, which the administration says are critical to accelerating the use of electric vehicles to curb climate change. It would also provide $5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, reducing reliance on school buses that run on diesel fuel.

INTERNET ACCESS

The legislation's $65 billion for broadband access would aim to improve internet services for rural areas, low-income families and tribal communities. Most of the money would be made available through grants to states.

MODERNIZING THE ELECTRIC GRID

To protect against the power outages that have become more frequent in recent years, the bill would spend $65 billion to improve the reliability and resiliency of the power grid. It would also boost carbon capture technologies and more environmentally friendly electricity sources like clean hydrogen.

AIRPORTS

The bill would spend $25 billion to improve runways, gates and taxiways at airports and to improve terminals. It would also improve aging air traffic control towers.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

The legislation would spend $55 billion on water and wastewater infrastructure. It has $15 billion to replace lead pipes and $10 billion to address water contamination from polyfluoroalkyl substances—chemicals that were used in the production of Teflon and have also been used in firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing and many other items.

PAYING FOR IT

The five-year spending package would be paid for by tapping $210 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief aid and $53 billion in unemployment insurance aid some states have halted, along with an array of smaller pots of money, like petroleum reserve sales and spectrum auctions for 5G services.

Amazon settles California COVID workers notification dispute

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Amazon has agreed to pay $500,000 and be monitored by California officials to ensure it properly notifies its workers about new coronavirus cases, the state's attorney general said Monday.

Amazon employs about 150,000 people in California, most of them at 100 "fulfillment centers"—sprawling warehouses where orders are packed and shipped. The agreement, which must be approved by a judge, requires the Seattle-based retailer to notify its workers within a day of new coronavirus cases in their workplaces.

Amazon also agreed to notify local health agencies of new virus cases within 48 hours and will stop issuing notices that Attorney General Rob Bonta said do not adequately tell employees about Amazon's safety and disinfection plan and workers' rights related to the pandemic.

"As the company enjoyed booming and historic sales with its stock price doubling, Amazon failed to adequately notify warehouse workers and local health agencies of COVID-19 case numbers, often leaving them unable to effectively track the spread of the virus," Bonta told reporters in San Francisco at an event held across the street from an Amazon warehouse.

Bonta added: "This left many workers understandably terrified and powerless to make informed decisions to protect themselves and to protect their loved ones," like getting tested for the virus, staying home or quarantining if they've been notified of a potential workplace exposure.

Amazon spokesperson Barbara Agrait said in a statement that the company was "glad to have this resolved and to see that the AG found no substantive issues with the safety measures in our buildings."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ohio retirement fund sues Facebook over investment loss

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Ohio's largest public employee pension fund has sued Facebook—now known as Meta—alleging that it broke federal securities law by purposely misleading the public about the negative effects of its social platforms and the algorithms that run them. The lawsuit by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System specifically claims that Facebook buried inconvenient findings about how the company has managed those algorithms as well as the steps it said it was taking to protect the public. The suit also contends claims that Facebook knew that its platform facilitated dissention, illegal activity, and violent extremism, but refused to correct it. The Associated Press and a coalition of other news organizations have reported extensively on Facebook's actions, internal dissents that warned of these problems and related issues around the world based on internal company documents, now known as the Facebook Papers, leaked by the data scientist and former Facebook employee Frances Haugen.

E-commerce mattress maker Casper sold for about $308 million

NEW YORK (AP)—The e-commerce mattress maker Casper is being acquired and taken private, less that a year after its public debut, for about $308 million. Shares of Casper Sleep Inc. spiked 88.5% to close Monday at $6.69. Durational Capital Management will pay $6.90 per share for Casper. The New York City company went public in February 2020 and it's had a rough debut. After being valued as a private company at more than $1 billion, it began selling shares early last year for $14.50, which put its value as a public company at around $575 million. That was close to its peak.

Settlement bans coal storage in California city by 2027

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A private port operator in the San Francisco Bay Area that stores coal from Utah before it's shipped to Asia has been given until 2027 to continue those operations under terms of a settlement. Officials in Richmond, where the port is located, agreed to the deal with the Levin-Richmond Terminal Corp. that runs the port, Utah-based coal company Wolverine Fuel Sales, the state of Utah and Phillips 66, which exports petroleum coke through the port. "Petcoke" is a byproduct of oil refining. The Richmond City Council passed an ordinance last year banning the handling and storage of coal and petcoke within the city by January 2023. The move, driven by concerns about possible health complications from coal dust, prompted lawsuits in federal and state courts from the three companies and Utah, which all argued it was unconstitutional. The settlement keeps the law in place but gives the companies nearly four more years to comply.

Nation

Report: 'Whole of society' effort must fight misinformation

By DAVID KLEPPER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Misinformation is jeopardizing efforts to solve some of humanity's greatest challenges, be it climate change, COVID-19 or political polarization, according to a new report from the Aspen Institute that's backed by prominent voices in media and cybersecurity.

Recommendations in the 80-page analysis, published Monday, call for new regulations on social media platforms; stronger, more consistent rules for misinformation "superspreaders" who amplify harmful falsehoods and new investments in authoritative journalism and organizations that teach critical thinking and media literacy.

The report is the product of the Aspen Institute's Commission on Information Disorder, a 16-person panel that includes experts on the internet and misinformation, as well as prominent names such as Prince Harry, the duke of Sussex.

"Hundreds of millions of people pay the price, every single day, for a world disordered by lies," reads the report's introduction, written by the commission's three co-chairs: journalist Katie Couric, former White House cybersecurity official Christopher Krebs and Rashad Robinson, president of the organization Color of Change.

Specifically, the report calls for a national strategy for confronting misinformation, and urges lawmakers to consider laws that would make social media platforms more transparent and accountable—to officials, researchers and consumers.

Another recommendation would strip some of the platforms' legal immunity when it comes to content promoted by ads, or for lawsuits regarding the implementation of their platform's designs and features.

The authors of the report blame the proliferation of misinformation on factors including the rapid growth of social media, a decline in traditional local journalism and a loss of trust in institutions.

Falsehoods can prove deadly, as shown by the conspiracy theories and bogus claims about COVID-19 and vaccines that have set back attempts to stop the coronavirus. The report's authors said misinformation is proving just as damaging when it comes to faith in elections or efforts to fight climate change.

During a briefing on the report's findings Monday, Couric, Krebs and Robinson stressed that every American has a role to play in fighting misinformation, by reviewing where they get their information, by ensuring that they don't spread harmful falsehoods, and by fighting the polarization that fuels misinformation.

"The path to making real change is going to require all of us," Robinson said.

The Aspen Institute has shared its findings with several social media platforms including Facebook. A message seeking a response from that company was not immediately returned on Monday.

The Aspen Institute is a nonpartisan nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. The report was funded by Craig Newmark Philanthropies, a charity founded by the creator of Craigslist.

Law enforcement officials survey the scene of a shooting in which six teenagers were injured in a park, Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, in Aurora, Colo.
AP

6 teens injured in drive-by shooting near Denver area school

AURORA, Colo. (AP)— Six teenagers were wounded Monday in a drive-by shooting in a park near a suburban Denver high school, but all were expected to survive, police said.

The victims, who range in age from 14 to 18, are all students at Aurora Central High School in Aurora, a diverse city east of Denver, said police chief Vanessa Wilson. She said she needed everyone to be "outraged" by what happened and come forward with any information they might have to help police find those responsible.

Wilson asked neighbors and other bystanders to share any videos or photos from phones or house surveillance systems that might help detectives identify the suspects, who haven't been apprehended.

Multiple rounds fired from different guns were found at the scene, and it is possible some rounds were fired by someone on foot, she said.

Police officers assigned to the school were the first to respond to the shooting and saved the life of one victim by applying a tourniquet, Wilson said. That student later underwent emergency surgery, she said.

Wilson said she's relieved the students are expected to survive but said gun violence is a public health crisis.

"There is a violence crisis across the nation right now, and so I think we all need to pay attention," she said.

Three patients from the shooting were taken to Children's Hospital Colorado. They were in stable condition and have all been reunited with their families, spokesperson Caitlin Jenney said.

Several students hugged one another outside the school as staff and police ushered students away from the direction of the crime scene. Others shouted "Stay safe" as they parted ways.

Student Aariah McClain, 15, said she heard gunfire as she was walking near the school's football field during lunch. She heard four shots at first, so she started walking toward the school. Then she said she heard "a whole lot more," she said.

"I was shocked," she said of the shooting, as she waited outside the school with her father, Harold McClain, for her 14-year-old sister to be dismissed.

"I work and we pay taxes for these police to be here. I don't see how this is even happening," Harold McClain said. "They need more security."

The school was put on a "secure perimeter" because of the shooting, police said. That typically means no one is allowed in or out of a school but students and staff are able to move freely within the building.

Evette Mitchell, 47, rushed to the school to get her son, Trevell, 15. He was in gym class when he heard the gunshots, and the teacher escorted them to the smaller gym.

"I did 90 (mph) on the highway," she said, "because I didn't know if it was my kid or not."

Prosecutor: Rittenhouse provoked the bloodshed in Kenosha

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)— Kyle Rittenhouse provoked bloodshed on the streets of Kenosha by bringing a semi-automatic rifle to a protest and menacing others, and when the shooting stopped, he walked off like a "hero in a Western," a prosecutor said in closing arguments Monday at Rittenhouse's murder trial.

But Rittenhouse's lawyer countered that the shooting started after the young man was ambushed by a "crazy person" that night and feared his gun was going to be wrested away and used to kill him. Defense attorney Mark Richards said Rittenhouse acted in self-defense.

After a full day of arguments, the jurors were told to return Tuesday morning for the start of deliberations in the case that has stirred fierce debate in the U.S. over guns, vigilantism and law and order.

Eighteen jurors have been hearing the case; the 12 who will decide Rittenhouse's fate and the six who will be designated alternates will be determined by drawing numbers from a lottery drum.

Rittenhouse, then 17, shot two men to death and wounded a third during a tumultuous night of protests against racial injustice in the summer of 2020.

Rittenhouse said he went to Kenosha from his home in Antioch, Illinois, to protect property from rioters in the days after a Black man, Jacob Blake, was shot by a white Kenosha police officer. Rittenhouse, a former police youth cadet, is white, as were those he shot.

ACROSS THE NATION

2nd fatal plane crash in 3 days kills 2 in northern Michigan

BOYNE CITY, Mich. (AP) — The second fatal plane crash in three days in northern Michigan killed the pilot and his passenger, authorities said Monday. Pilot Kenneth Daniel Yott, 61, of Pontiac and 21-year-old passenger Corbin Dennis Kennedy of Howell were found dead Monday afternoon in the Beechcraft King Air plane in a wooded area in Charlevoix County's Melrose Township, police said. It wasn't clear what caused the crash. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating. Four people died in a plane crash Saturday on Michigan's Beaver Island west of Mackinaw City. The twin-engine Britten-Norman plane was flying from Charlevoix, the FAA said in a statement.

Maryland mayor charged with posting revenge porn on Reddit

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP) — A Maryland mayor has been arrested and charged with distributing revenge porn online, prosecutors announced Monday. Andrew Bradshaw, the 32-year-old mayor of Cambridge on Maryland's Eastern Shore, is accused of posting nude photos of a woman he was no longer in a romantic relationship with. Bradshaw posted the photos using multiple Reddit accounts he created using variations of the woman's name and birthdate, according to a news release from the Office of the State Prosecutor. The photos were captioned with racial slurs and sexually explicit language and were posted in April and May, authorities said. Bradshaw was arrested Monday and charged with 50 counts of distributing revenge porn and released on his own recognizance, according to online court records. Bradshaw could not be reached for comment and online court documents don't list an attorney.

Trial begins for man charged with killing 18 in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who authorities say survived an attack by a man charged with killing 18 older women in Dallas and its suburbs over a two-year span said in a taped deposition shown to jurors as his trial opened Monday that she knew she was in "grave danger" the minute she opened her door. "My eyes were just fixated on these green rubber gloves that I saw. ... I knew instantly when I saw those two green rubber gloves, number one, I should not have opened the door, number two, my life was in grave danger," Mary Annis Bartel said on the video. Billy Chemirmir, 48, faces life in prison without parole if convicted of capital murder in the death of 81-year-old Lu Thi Harris. Prosecutors decided not to seek the death penalty. His attorney entered a not guilty plea for him on Monday on the charge. Chemirmir was arrested in March 2018 following the attack on Bartel at her apartment at an independent living community for seniors in Plano. Bartel was 91 at the time of the attack and died in 2020.

Atmospheric river whips Northwest; 1 missing, roads closed

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Flooding and landsides prompted the complete closure of the West Coast's main north-south highway overnight Monday near Bellingham, Washington, as the culmination of days of storms and high winds wreaked havoc in the Pacific Northwest. The extreme weather was caused by an atmospheric river—a huge plume of moisture extending over the Pacific and into Washington and Oregon. More than 158,0000 customers were without power in Western Washington at one point Monday afternoon. Interstate 5 was closed near Bellingham, just south of the Canadian border, because of the ongoing threat from debris and floodwaters. Schools were also closed Monday. Evacuations were ordered in multiple areas as floodwaters swamped business districts and partially submerged cars in communities north of Seattle.

Asia

AFTER INITIALLY VOWING TO RETIRE

Duterte to run for Senate

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Monday filed his candidacy for a Senate seat in next year's elections, walking back his vow to retire from politics when his term ends and prompting rights groups to say he is working to evade accountability for his deadly anti-drug campaign while in office.

A lawyer for the 76-year-old Duterte filed his senatorial candidacy at the Commission on Elections before the deadline for last-minute contenders in May's elections.

Duterte

Duterte announced early last month that he was retiring from politics after dropping plans to run for vice president due to what he said was widespread public sentiment against the move. His initial plan to seek the vice presidency outraged activists, who have described him as a human rights calamity in an Asian bastion of democracy.

"Duterte's run for the Senate is yet another attempt of the tyrant to evade accountability from the International Criminal Court and other accountability mechanisms," said Cristina Palabay of Karapatan, a left-wing alliance of human rights groups. "It is as sinister, opportunist and underhanded as the attempts of his daughter and allies to run in the 2022 elections."

Duterte's daughter filed her vice presidential candidacy on Saturday.

Duterte, a longtime city mayor known for his extra-tough approach to criminality and illegal drugs, launched an anti-drugs crackdown after winning the presidency in 2016 that has left more than 6,000 mostly petty suspects dead and alarmed Western governments and human rights groups. The International Criminal Court has begun an investigation of the killings, but Duterte has vowed never to cooperate with the inquiry and allow ICC investigators into the country.

Over the weekend, Duterte said he had revived plans to run for the vice presidency. Legal experts say that could violate the Philippine Constitution, which limits presidents to a single six-year term, as the vice president replaces the elected president if the latter dies or is incapacitated.

But Duterte backed out from the plan to pursue the vice presidency after learning that his daughter, currently mayor of their southern hometown of Davao, had filed her own vice presidential candidacy without consulting her father. Duterte had wanted his daughter to seek the presidency and the two have had disagreements over her political plans.

"They will never collide. They will never ever fight each other for whatever position," presidential spokesman Harry Roque told reporters on Monday, shortly before Duterte registered his Senate candidacy.

Sara Duterte is seeking the vice presidency under a major political party, LAKAS CMD, but was adopted by another party, Partido Federal ng Pilipinas, to be the running mate of its presidential candidate, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son and namesake of the late Philippine dictator. Both the current president and the late dictator have long been condemned by rights groups for gross rights violations.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Biden and Xi meet virtually

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden opened his virtual meeting with China's Xi Jinping on Monday by saying the goal of the two world leaders should be to ensure that competition between the two superpowers "does not veer into conflict." Xi greeted the U.S. president as his "old friend" and echoed Biden's cordial tone in his own opening remarks, saying, "China and the United States need to increase communication and cooperation." While the two leaders opened their meeting with friendly waves, they were meeting at a time of mounting tensions in the U.S.-China relationship. Biden has criticized Beijing for human rights abuses against Uyghurs in northwest China, suppression of democratic protests in Hong Kong, military aggression against the self-ruled island of Taiwan and more. Xi's deputies, meanwhile, have lashed out against the Biden White House for interfering in what they see as internal Chinese matters.

New outbreak prompts China to lock down university campus

BEIJING (AP)—China has confined nearly 1,500 university students to their dormitories and hotels following an outbreak of COVID-19 in the northeastern city of Dalian. The order was issued Sunday after several dozen cases were reported at Zhuanghe University City and hundreds of students were transferred to hotels for observation. Students were attending class remotely and having their meals delivered to their rooms. The lockdown is the latest example of China's zero-tolerance approach to the outbreak, which has brought considerable disruption to people's lives and livelihoods.

India opens to vaccinated foreign tourists after 18 months

NEW DELHI (AP)—India began on Monday allowing fully vaccinated foreign tourists to enter the country on regular commercial flights, in the latest easing of coronavirus restrictions as infections fall and vaccinations rise. Tourists entering India must be fully vaccinated, follow all COVID-19 protocols and test negative for the virus within 72 hours of their flight, according to the health ministry. Many will also need to undergo a post-arrival COVID-19 test at the airport. However, travelers from countries which have agreements with India for mutual recognition of vaccination certificates, such as the U.S., U.K. and many European nations, can leave the airport without undergoing a COVID-19 test.

Cambodia reopens 2 weeks early, buoyed by high vaccine rates

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia reopened its borders to fully vaccinated travelers on Monday, two weeks earlier than originally planned, as it emerges from a lengthy lockdown bolstered by one of the world's highest rates of immunization against COVID-19. The program allows visitors to skip quarantine measures if they are fully vaccinated, test negative 72 hours before they enter the country and test negative upon their arrival. Prime Minister Hun Sen decided to move up the opening from Nov. 30 to Nov. 15 to start revitalizing the country's economic and social activity as soon as possible, buoyed by the fact that 88% of Cambodians are now fully vaccinated. "The situation has changed," Hun Sen said in an audio message shared on social media.

World

AMID A SURGE OF COVID-19

Austria locks down unvaccinated

BERLIN (AP)—Austria took what its leader called the "dramatic" step Monday of implementing a nationwide lockdown for unvaccinated people who haven't recently had COVID-19, perhaps the most drastic of a string of measures being taken by European governments to get a massive regional resurgence of the virus under control.

AP
A medical worker stands in the door of a barber shop that was partially changed into a test center in Frankfurt, Germany, Monday, Nov. 15, 2021.

The move, which took effect at midnight, prohibits people 12 and older who haven't been vaccinated or recently recovered from leaving their homes except for basic activities such as working, grocery shopping, going to school or university or for a walk—or getting vaccinated.

The lockdown is initially being imposed until Nov. 24 in the Alpine country of 8.9 million. It doesn't apply to children under 12 because they cannot yet officially get vaccinated—though the capital, Vienna, on Monday opened up vaccinations for under-12s as part of a pilot project and reported high demand.

Officials say police patrols and checks will be stepped up and unvaccinated people can be fined up to 1,450 euros ($1,660) if they violate the lockdown.

"We really didn't take this step lightly and I don't think it should be talked down," Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg told Oe1 radio. "This a dramatic step—about 2 million people in this country are affected. ... What we are trying is precisely to reduce contact between the unvaccinated and vaccinated to a minimum, and also contact between the unvaccinated."

"My aim is very clearly to get the unvaccinated to get themselves vaccinated and not to lock down the vaccinated," Schallenberg added. "In the long term, the way out of this vicious circle we are in—and it is a vicious circle, we are stumbling from wave to lockdown and that can't carry on ad infinitum—is only vaccination."

About 65% of Austria's population is fully vaccinated, a rate Schallenberg described as "shamefully low." All students at schools, whether vaccinated or not, are now required to take three COVID-19 tests per week, at least one of them a PCR test.

The leader of the far-right opposition Freedom Party vowed to combat the new restrictions by "all parliamentary and legal means we have available." Herbert Kickl said that "two million people are being practically imprisoned without having done anything wrong."

On Monday, Kickl announced on Facebook that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and must self-isolate for 14 days, so he won't be able to attend a protest in Vienna planned for Saturday.

UK says Liverpool taxi blast was a bomb, raises threat level

LONDON (AP)—British authorities raised the country's threat level to its second-highest rung on Monday, after police said a blast in a taxi outside a Liverpool hospital was caused by a homemade bomb.

Investigators said they were treating Sunday's explosion—which killed the suspected bombmaker and injured the cab driver—as a terrorist incident, but that the motive was unclear.

Counterterrorism police named the dead man as 32-year-old Emad Al Swealmeen. They did not give further details, though Britain's Press Association news agency and other media reported that he had not been on the radar of the security services.

The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre raised the U.K. threat level from substantial—meaning an attack is likely—to severe, meaning it is highly likely, following the U.K.'s second fatal incident in a month. Conservative lawmaker David Amess was stabbed to death in October in what police said was an act of terrorism.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson condemned the "sickening attack" at Liverpool Women's Hospital and told reporters that the British people "will never be cowed by terrorism."

"We will never give in to those who seek to divide us with senseless acts of violence," he said.

The male passenger in a taxi was killed and the driver injured when a blast ripped through the vehicle as it pulled up outside the hospital on Sunday morning. Russ Jackson, the head of Counterterrorism Policing in northwest England, said the explosion was caused by "the ignition of an explosive device" that was brought into the vehicle by the passenger.

Three men in their 20s were arrested elsewhere in the city Sunday under the Terrorism Act and a fourth was detained on Monday. All are believed to be "associates" of the dead passenger, police said.

Suspicions about a motive for the explosion have been aroused by the timing—just before 11 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday, the moment when people across Britain hold services in memory of those killed in wars.

Jackson said investigators had not found a link to remembrance events "but it is a line of inquiry we are pursuing."

"Although the motivation for this incident is yet to be understood, given all the circumstances, it has been declared a terrorist incident," he said at a press briefing.

He said the passenger had been picked up by the cab a 10-minute drive away and asked to be taken to the hospital, where the explosion occurred. The driver, named by local media as David Perry, managed to escape from the car. He was treated in the hospital and released.

Good Housekeeping

A soothing combination of black and cream creates a bold and modern feel in this living room. SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/HANDOUT/TNS

A blend of black, cream and gray is repeated throughout this living space creating a neutral, yet harmonious feel.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/ HANDOUT/TNS

Light and bright. Tints, tones and shades of gray creates a neutral, yet welcoming space.

HANDOUT/TNS

Neutral colors create a soothing feel in this master bedroom.

HANDOUT/TNS

A mix of warm cream and brown creates a neutral, yet warm environment.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/ HANDOUT/TNS

Pairing warm neutrals with black feels cozy in this living space.

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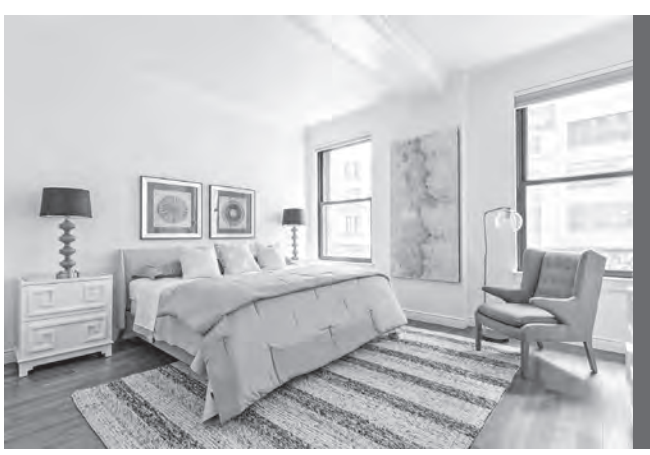

Gray and gold are mixed in this living space to create a neutral, yet dynamic space.

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Do's and Don'ts of MODERN NEUTRALS

By CATHY HOBBS
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Bland and boring, or modern and minimalist chic? Regardless of your design aesthetic, neutrals may serve as the ideal color palette for those seeking timeless yet modern decor.

Here are some top tips to freshen up your space using this palette.

DO'S

1. **Do infuse warm tones to help neutral color palettes feel warm and cozy.**
2. **Do pair lighter neutral colors such as cream with those that provide a sense of contrast like charcoal, chocolate brown or black.**
3. **Do consider a monochromatic neutral color palette such as tints, tones and shades of the same color.**
4. **Do look to mix neutral finishes such as silver and gold.**
5. **Do consider a neutral palette in spaces in which you wish to create a soothing and calm atmosphere.**

DON'TS

1. **Don't use a cool, neutral palette in spaces that are overly bright. The space may appear overly light or washed out.**
2. **Don't place overly dark selections in the same space.**
3. **Don't ignore the opportunity to use a neutral palette in all areas you wish to create a soothing, minimal or modern atmosphere.**
4. **Don't overlook the opportunity to infuse neutral in large areas of your decor such as upholstery and wall surfaces.**
5. **Don't mix too many colors in the same space. Three colors is a good rule of thumb.**

Life & Style

‘Spencer’ star Kristen Stewart is done hiding her life

NEW YORK (AP)—Kristen Stewart has been talking about playing Princess Diana in the new film “Spencer” almost daily for over two months. It’s a normal experience for a major star promoting a major film that’s expected to be a major awards contender and Stewart, who has been extremely famous for most of her life, is used to it all.

But on this night in New York, at the tail end of a day when she’s worn five different outfits for five different appearances, she’s allowing herself to admit that she is, “(expletive) exhausted.”

“To try and shove our entire experience into a few moments? It’s impossible,” Stewart, 31, said.

That’s because “Spencer” is not just an ordinary film with ready-made anecdotes about co-stars or preparation, although there was much of that to get the mannerisms and accent down. It is not a documentary, a biography or a fill-in-the-gaps exercise like “The Crown,” either. “ Spencer” is an evocative and artful “fable from a true tragedy ” about one of the most famous women who has ever lived over a Christmas weekend with the Royal family that preceded the divorce.

Stewart

The film has made Stewart for the first time in her career a front-runner for a best actress Oscar nomination. But it has also invited many, many comparisons to Stewart’s own life and fame. She gets why, too, but she’s quick to point out the differences.

“Imagine at 19 years old like you’re already getting married and having a baby and being asked to fulfill a fantasy that everyone wants to be real, but you can see very clearly, is not real,” Stewart said. “It’s like going to summer camp and never being able to come home. But you’re like, actually, I hate summer camp.”

But the experience of talking about this experience, that of preparing for and making the movie and analyzing the movie as it relates to her has been disorienting in a way. Answers that she once had evaporate, certainty becomes ambiguity and truths morph into something else. Sometimes, she said, it feels as though she’s being dragged through “the moral conundrums” of her life.

“It’s weird because my job is to open myself up in a way that feels generous because what you get in return is usually equal to what you put out,” she said. “Who I’m talking to right now is not just you, it’s your readers of course, and I want them to focus on what I primarily prioritize, which is the movie and my life. And if I start sort of victimizing myself, it’s just so unrelatable.”

The film is directed by Pablo Larraín, the man behind Natalie Portman’s artful turn as Jackie Kennedy in 2016, and has been likened to a gothic ghost story and a psychological horror. Diana, who is both obsessively monitored and achingly isolated, has visions of Anne Boleyn. There is real and imagined body horror, unsettling flashbacks and a truly chilling dinner that they simply refer to as the “pearl soup scene.”

“I just think that it’s just an extension of her mental state and we are able to inhabit that,” Larraín said.

He wanted to create the experience of lucid dreaming, of seeing things that aren’t there and melding 500 years of history with a quick cut of the camera.

“This person, this character that we’re thinking about in her internal experience feels as though Anne Boleyn is sitting at that table and it’s so much more fun and honest to have her there,” Stewart said. “I just think it’s one thing that movies can do that not many other art forms can do.”

Being part of the “awards conversation” too has been an interesting experience for both, but mostly for its ability to extend the conversation about a film.

“As they say, you only care about awards when they give them to you,” Larraín laughed.

“I love being a part of a larger conversation,” Stewart said. “But some of my favorite movies of all time have like, very low Rotten Tomato percentages and didn’t get an Academy Award.”

And in the midst of all this reflection on fame and scrutiny and Diana and herself, Stewart last week revealed that she and her girlfriend of two years are engaged. It was a choice she made not in spite of, but because of her experiences.

“I’ve been famous for a long time. And when I was younger, I felt this overt control was actually taking away from my experience being a human. And so at the end of this day, it just feels better to not subject myself to militaristic hiding,” she said. “When I was younger, I really tried to protect what was precious to me. But actually, I found that in protecting those things, you give them away. They sort of become something that is not yours.

Taylor Swift fans revel in ‘All Too Well’ film lyrics, clues

NEW YORK (AP)—Taylor Swift’s fans know how to look for careful clues and Easter eggs in her lyrics and music videos, so anticipation was high when the pop star dropped a short film going deeper into her romantic life on a fan favorite song.

The 13-minute “All Too Well: The Short Film,” did not disappoint. Its release Friday night came soon after Swift debuted her expanded and re-recorded album “Red (Taylor’s Version),” which includes a 10-minute extended version of “All Too Well.”

Ahead of a fan screening, Swift told The Associated Press she decided to record a longer version of the song and make a mini-movie because of its popularity with followers.

“This is all about what the fans have turned this song into,” Swift said on the red carpet. “It was never a single, never had a video, it never had a visual element to it, but they pretty much created their own imaginary cinematic universe for it, so this is just me following through on what they started and what they told me they wanted.”

“Red” is a classic Swift album, with the original 2012 release featuring hits like “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” and “22.” The superstar directed the “All Too Well” short, which stars stars Sadie Sink and Dylan O’Brien.

Swift

Packets of tissues that read “All Too Well” were handed out to the fans to use if needed.

Inside, Swift greeted the audience with “It’s been awhile.” She then granted permission for any emotion the film may stir up. “You and I are used to concerts,” Swift said. “We’re used to feeling how we feel and being vocal about how we feel, when we feel it. Just do that, feel your feelings. We’ve provided tissues. You do not need to be stoic, serious, or anything you are not,” she said.

In the movie, Sink and O’Brien play out the fun and romance of a new relationship, problems and hurt feelings creep up, and their eventual breakup.

A highlight begins with a dinner scene as O’Brien’s character holding court as the guests laugh. Sink reaches for O’Brien’s hand and he drops it. What follows is an approximate three-minute break in the music for spoken dialogue as they argue while washing dishes. O’Brien tells Sink she’s making something out of nothing for being upset, prompting the audience to gasp and boo.

Swift explained to The AP that this part of the film is “not an autobiographical moment at all” but was ad-libbed.

“I think you can tell a lot about people when you see them fight,” she explained. “So we wanted to have a big argument. They knew what the argument was about, what the catalyst was. This was something that was created for the film.”

After the screening, Swift brought O’Brien and Sink out before the audience. “I’m sorry about that,” O’Brien joked about his behavior on screen, winning the crowd back in his favor.

Swift also performed an acoustic version of “All Too Well” for the room as she strummed her guitar.

The new “All Too Well” was a top trending item Friday on Twitter, with fans reveling in the juicy details of the additional lyrics.

Sudden appearance of STD rattles lengthy marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 45 years. It may not be the most loving or agreeable marriage, but it has always been steady, nonviolent and monogamous. Last year I had COVID, and I now have long-term symptoms with compromised immunity.

I recently had a bad outbreak of genital herpes. My doctor told me it can lay dormant for many years—but 45? My husband swears he has been faithful, and part of me believes him. I WANT to believe him—but I know I have never cheated. Neither of us ever had problems with breakouts, other than one many years ago we thought was probably heat rash when he worked outside in the summer. This has caused me to lose trust in him and wonder if he’s lying. Our sex life, which had always been healthy, has stopped.

Have you ever heard of herpes being dormant for this long? I’m so embarrassed and angry. I haven’t told anyone. I have never heard of this.

PERPLEXED IN MISSOURI

DEAR PERPLEXED: Genital herpes is a common ailment for which there are treatments. My research tells me herpes CAN lie dormant for years without a flare-up. If your doctor isn’t aware of what’s going on, this is the person you should consult for the answer to that question. If your husband has given you no other reason to distrust his faithfulness, please give him the benefit of the doubt.

P.S. You stated that your sex life has now ceased. Was this your idea or your husband’s? This is ANOTHER conversation you should have with your doctor, and I hope you will do it soon.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a straight male who has a long-term friendship with a lesbian co-worker I’ll call “Mickey.” I have always had an interest in her but never suggested anything due to her sexual orientation. Recently, Mickey told me she has feelings for me, too. We go out a couple times a week now and the relationship has changed from the flirtatious one it was for years to something more.

We have gone back and forth and now we’re discussing buying a home together, which has me confused. (I can only imagine how confused she must feel.) I love and care for her and have told her so. Maybe that was a bad idea. I am debating putting my feelings aside to make it easier for her to deal with her sexuality, but I love her and don’t want to lose her. Please advise me on how to proceed.

CONFOUNDED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFOUNDED: You and Mickey need to have a SERIES of conversations. Among the topics should be where your relationship may be leading in light of the fact that she identifies as lesbian rather than bisexual. Is marriage in the picture? Will buying a house together be an investment or a commitment on the part of both of you? Will each of you put in an equal amount of money? (It goes without saying that the arrangement should be formalized in the office of an attorney, so you both are protected in case things don’t work out.) Once you and Mickey have done this, the answer to your dilemma will be apparent.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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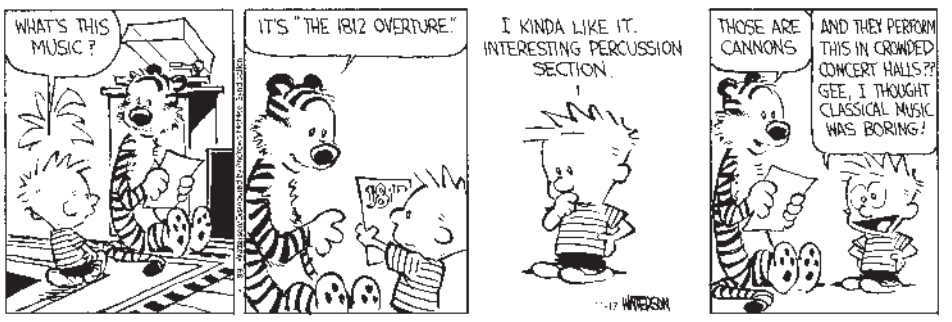
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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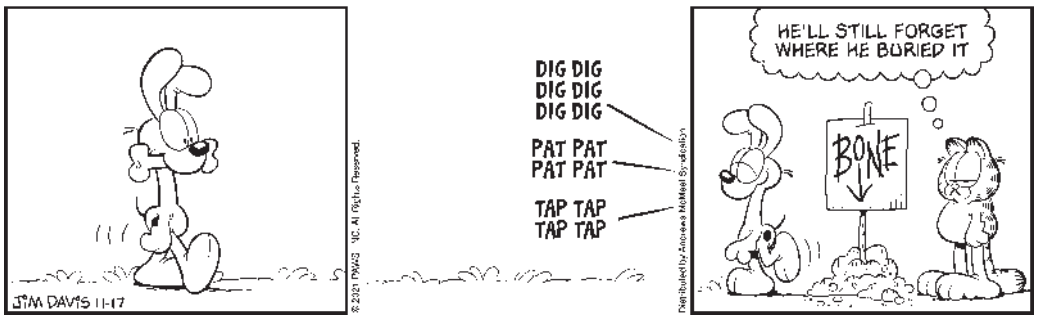
IT'S "THE 1812 OVERTURE."
I KINDA LIKE IT. INTERESTING PERCUSSION SECTION.
THOSE ARE CANNONS
AND THEY PERFORM THIS IN CROWDED CONCERT HALLS?? GEE, I THOUGHT CLASSICAL MUSIC WAS BORING!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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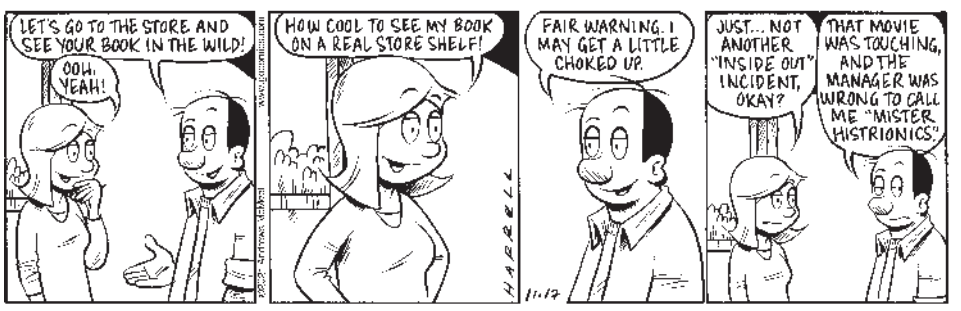
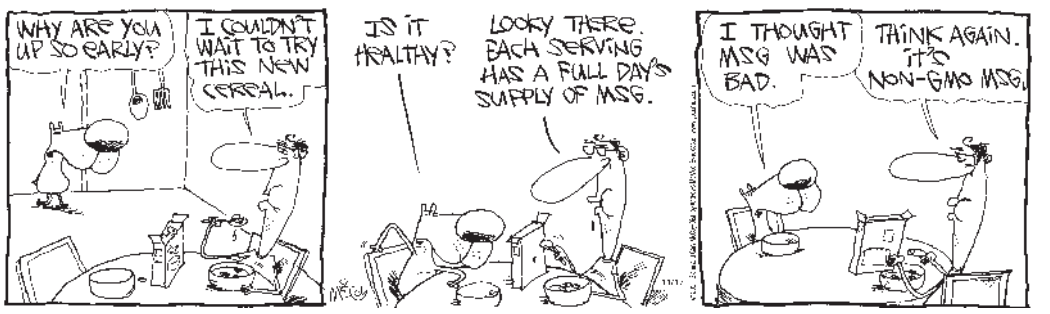
By Bryan Basset


LET'S GO TO THE STORE AND SEE YOUR BOOK IN THE WILD!
OOH, YEAH!
HOW COOL TO SEE MY BOOK ON A REAL STORE SHELF!
FAIR WARNING. I MAY GET A LITTLE CHOKED UP.
JUST... NOT ANOTHER "INSIDE OUT" INCIDENT, OKAY?
THAT MOVIE WAS TOUCHING, AND THE MANAGER WAS WRONG TO CALL ME "MISTER HISTRIONICS."

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


WHY ARE YOU UP SO EARLY?
I COULDN'T WAIT TO TRY THIS NEW CEREAL.
IS IT HEALTHY?
LOOKY THERE. EACH SERVING HAS A FULL DAY'S SUPPLY OF MSG.
I THOUGHT MSG WAS BAD.
THINK AGAIN. IT'S NON-GMO MSG.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Minor quibbles
5 Soon-to-be grads
8 Champagne brand
12 In — (shortly)
13 Shaft of light
14 Always
15 Minimize
17 Plane-related
18 Like seawater
19 "The Prince of Tides" author
21 Lettuce unit
24 Nile reptile
25 Hoodwink
28 Take five
30 Trail the pack
33 Internet address
34 Ear parts
35 Ginger —
36 Actress Vardalos
37 Concerning
38 Ballyhoo
39 Cen. parts
41 Italian wine region
43 Spud
46 Shelled out
50 "— you not!"
51 Act out
54 Peru's capital
55 PC key
56 Lena of "Chocolat"
57 Ogler's look
58 Homer's neighbor
59 Red-tag event

DOWN
1 Siestas
2 Actress Fisher
3 Pond duck
4 Reaping tool
5 "No seats"
6 Cold and damp
7 Harmonization
8 Stands for
9 Exaggerate
10 Architect Saarinen
11 "Iliad" setting
16 Coloring agent
20 Feedbag fill
22 "East of Eden" son
23 Messing on TV
25 Press for payment
26 Swiss canton
27 Grade school break
29 Beholds
31 Jungfrau, e.g.
32 "Gosh!"
34 Roster
38 Safari heavyweights
40 Doppler device
42 Mao — -tung
43 Tablet
44 Tom Joad, for one
45 Algerian port
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48 Hammer target
49 Daly of "Judging Amy"
52 Flamenco cry
53 Old Ford model

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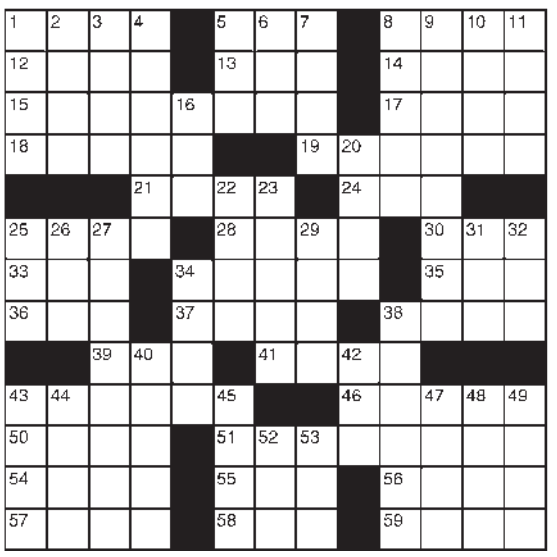

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rachel McAdams, 43; David Ramsey, 50; Danny DeVito, 77; Martin Scorsese, 79.

Happy Birthday: Pull yourself together, and get your priorities straight. You can gain ground if you run a tight ship and refuse to let others interfere with your plans. Discipline and dedication will help you overcome obstacles and recognize who and what is to your advantage. Your passionate attitude will gain support, and self-satisfaction will evolve from knowing you did your very best. Your numbers are 4, 18, 22, 27, 32, 36, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take good care of your health. Pay attention to detail and how you present yourself at work or when dealing with anyone in a position of power. How you conduct yourself will determine how well others receive you and your ideas. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Emotions will be difficult to control. Don't get bent out of shape because of what others do or say. Keep a positive attitude, and you'll find it easier to convince others to see things your way. Personal improvements will fetch compliments. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Go above and beyond the call of duty; your peers will look up to you. Learn from observation and experience. Invest more time and effort into updating your image and staying updated on the latest technology and trends. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Keep your documents in a safe place, and don't make promises you cannot keep. Concentrate on making positive changes that will benefit people in your community, workplace or family. Personal gain is apparent, and romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Say little and do a lot. If you fall short regarding responsibilities, someone will use it against you, and your reputation will be at risk. Do your best, and you'll have no regrets. Overreacting or indulgent behavior will make matters worse. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Chat with someone you enjoy being around. Make plans that will give you a chance to show off or do something nice for someone you love. Home improvements will add to your comfort and your entertaining capability. Romance is featured. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Follow through and complete your to-do list before you move on to more enjoyable pastimes. If you neglect to do your fair share, you will face repercussions from someone who can make you look bad or have an effect on your state of mind. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Leave nothing to chance. Size up situations and make your mark. Look at the big picture, but limit expenses. Go the extra mile and use your innovative intelligence to find the shortest and most cost-effective way to get what you want. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Adapt to the changes going on around you, and you'll find a way to take advantage of the trends that unfold. Curb your emotional reaction, and you'll avoid sending the wrong message to someone eager to make you look bad. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Alter the way you do things, and it will give you a new lease on life, love and the way you organize your time. A physical show of affection will encourage friends and family to be receptive to the decisions you make. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Balance, equality and being fair will make a difference in the response you receive from friends, family or your lover. When in doubt, listen to reason, and you'll find the best way to move forward with the least amount of friction. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Dream on and let your imagination take over; follow your heart. Explore possibilities, but don't go into debt. Before you invest time and money, go over every detail. Call in an expert if needed to ease stress. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are brilliant, astute and possessive. You are sensitive and passionate.

✪ ***star:*** *Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes.* ✪✪ ***stars:*** *You can accomplish, but don't rely on others.* ✪✪✪ ***stars:*** *Focus and you'll reach your goals.* ✪✪✪✪ ***stars:*** *Aim high; start new projects.* ✪✪✪✪✪ ***stars:*** *Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/17

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 11/16

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By DAVID OUELLET

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DeRozan, LaVine lead Bulls' 121-103 rout of LA; Davis tossed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—DeMar DeRozan scored a season-high 38 points and Zach LaVine had added 26 in the Chicago Bulls' 121-103 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday night.

Lonzo Ball had a season-high 27 points, eight assists and seven rebounds against his former team as the promising Bulls rolled to their fourth win in five games, following up their win over the Clippers on Sunday night by sweeping back-to-back games at Staples Center. Chicago also snapped an eight-game skid against the Lakers dating to November 2016.

DeRozan and LaVine combined for 39 points in the first half at Staples Center, hitting seven 3-pointers in a dynamic two-man display. DeRozan kept it up after halftime, following up his 35-point effort against the Clippers with another dominant night on his hometown floor.

DeRozan and the Lakers flirted with each other in free agency during the summer, but the Lakers eventually went with Russell Westbrook over DeRozan, his fellow Los Angeles-area native.

Anthony Davis had 20 points and six rebounds before getting ejected by referee Scott Wall with 2:20 left in the third quarter. The Lakers already were well on their way to their fourth loss in the last seven games without LeBron James, who is out with an abdominal strain.

Talen Horton-Tucker scored a career-high 28 points against his hometown team and Westbrook got 19 of his 25 in the first half for the Lakers, who wrapped up a five-game, eight-day homestand with three narrow wins and two embarrassing defeats.

Three days after Minnesota routed the Lakers with a dominant third quarter, Chicago went ahead by 25 in the third while scoring 37 points.

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis, right, grabs a rebound away from Chicago Bulls guard Alex Caruso, lower left, and forward Derrick Jones Jr., second from right, as guard Lonzo Ball watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, in Los Angeles. AP

Mavericks 111, Nuggets 101

In Dallas, Kristaps Porzingis had 29 points and 11 rebounds, Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter and the Dallas Mavericks rallied past the Denver Nuggets 111-101 on Monday night.

Dallas opened the fourth period on a 17-6 run that included 3-pointers by Hardaway, Luka Doncic, Dorian Finney-Smith and Reggie Bullock to go ahead 98-88 with six minutes left, its largest lead to that point.

Doncic had 23 points and 11 assists and Jalen Brunson scored 17 off the bench for the Mavericks, who have won five of six.

Nikola Jokic scored a season-high 35 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Nuggets, who finished a back-to-back and had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Grizzlies 136, Rockets 102

In Memphis, Tenn., Ja Morant had 22 points, six rebounds and six assists, Jaren Jackson Jr. added 18 points and the Memphis Grizzlies beat Houston, sending the Rockets to their 12th straight loss.

Dillon Brooks finished with 16 points, and Kyle Anderson added 15 as Memphis snapped a three-game losing streak. The 136 points was a season-high for the Grizzlies.

Jalen Green led the Rockets with 15 points, while Jae'Sean Tate added 14 points and nine rebounds. Houston, again was stymied by poor shooting, connecting on only 38%.

Wizards 105, Pelicans 100

In Washington, Spencer Dinwiddie scored 19 of his 27 points in the second half, and the Wizards erased a 19-point deficit to beat the Pelicans for their fifth consecutive victory.

Washington at 10-3 is off to the franchise's best start in 47 years when the Bullets opened the 1974-75 season 11-2. The Wizards have done this with and without All-Star guard Bradley Beal, who missed a second consecutive game mourning the death of his grandmother.

Aaron Holiday, who took Beal's spot in the starting lineup, scored 12 points.

Knicks 92, Pacers 84

In New York, Immanuel Quickley came off the bench to score 16 points, and the Knicks limited the Pacers to two baskets in the fourth quarter to rally for the win.

Kemba Walker also had 16 points for the Knicks, but he didn't play in the fourth when the reserves and especially the defense won it for New York. Derrick Rose, Walker's backup, added 14 points.

The Knicks ended a three-game home losing streak and a two-game skid overall by outscoring the Pacers 23-10 in the final 12 minutes.

Indiana shot 2 for 20 in the fourth period.

Malcolm Brogdon had 22 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Pacers,

Celtics 98, Cavaliers 92

In Cleveland, Jayson Tatum scored 23 points and Dennis Schroder had six points in the final 76 seconds as the Celtics beat the Cavaliers.

Al Horford had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Schroder and Marcus Smart each scored 14 as Boston (7-7) won for the third time in four games. Tatum also had eight rebounds, five assists and two blocks.

On Saturday, Darius Garland made two free throws with 9.4 seconds left as Cleveland rallied from a 19-point deficit in a 91-89 win over Boston. Both teams played their third game in four nights.

Ricky Rubio scored 26 of his 28 points in the second half and Cedi Osman had 26 points and five assists off the bench for the Cavaliers (9-6), who have won six of eight.

Hawks 129, Magic 111

In Atlanta, Trae Young and John Collins each scored 23 points and the Hawks beat the Magic for their second straight win.

Clint Capela finished with 20 points and 16 rebounds and Bogdan Bogdanovich added 20 points for Atlanta, which snapped a six-game skid with a 20-point win over defending NBA champion Milwaukee on Sunday.

Cole Anthony had 27 points and 11 assists for the Magic, who have dropped three straight and five of six.

Kings 129, Pistons 107

In Detroit, Buddy Hield scored 22 points and Tyrese Haliburton added 17 points and 10 assists as the Kings routed the Pistons.

The Kings ended a four-game losing streak, taking control with a 26-2 run for a 33-12 lead early in the second quarter.

Richaun Holmes had 19 points and eight rebounds for the Kings. De'Aaron Fox had 19 points and nine assists for Sacramento, which had six players with at least 15 points.

Cade Cunningham had 25 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for Detroit.

Heat 103, Thunder 90

In Oklahoma City, Tyler Herro scored 26 points and the short-handed Heat beat the Thunder.

Duncan Robinson scored 21 points and Kyle Lowry added 11 points and 11 assists for the Heat.

Miami played without Jimmy Butler (sprained right ankle) and Bam Adebayo (bruised left knee). Butler, who averages 23.6 points per game, missed his third straight.

Lu Dort scored 20 points and rookie Jeremiah Robinson-Earl added 16 for the Thunder. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, who entered the night averaging 22.6 points per game, finished with a season-low 10 on 2-of-11 shooting.

Suns 99, Timberwolves 96

In Minneapolis, Chris Paul scored 19 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, Devin Booker had 29 and the Phoenix Suns beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 99-96 Monday night for their ninth straight win.

Deandre Ayton had 22 points and 12 rebounds in his return to the Suns after missing five games with a right lower leg contusion. Phoenix won a day after a 115-89 victory in Houston.

"It's an ugly game but not as ugly if you come out with the win," Booker said. "Hard, scrappy game. It was a back-to-back. They played well. In the end, we figured it out. So, it feels a lot better this way."

Booker made one of two foul shots with 16.1 seconds to give the Suns a 98-96 lead.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 35 points and 13 rebounds for Minnesota, which has lost eight of nine. Russell scored 22 points, including 11 in a wild, back-and-forth fourth quarter. Malik Beasley shot made 4 of 10 on 3s for 12 points.

Trail Blazers 118, Raptors 113

In Portland, Ore., CJ McCollum had 29 points and Damian Lillard added 24 to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 118-113 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

The Blazers, who were playing the second of a back-to-back, improved to 6-1 at home.

OG Anunoby had 27 points for the Raptors, who have lost five of six. Pascal Siakam added 20. Larry Nance Jr.'s alley-oop dunk gave Portland a 99-89 lead in the final quarter. McCollum's 3-pointer pushed it to 105-92.

The Raptors rallied with a 9-0 run, pulling to 105-101 on Fred VanVleet's 3-pointer with 5:34 left. Portland didn't let Toronto get any closer, and Lillard's 3 stretched the Blazers' lead to 110-101.

Judge: Kobe Bryant's widow must turn over therapy records

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has ruled that Kobe Bryant's widow must turn over her therapy records to Los Angeles County in her lawsuit claiming she suffered emotional distress after first responders took and shared graphic photos from the site of the 2020 helicopter crash that killed the basketball star, his teenage daughter and seven others.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Charles Eick granted a request by county lawyers to review Vanessa Bryant's records, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday. But the judge limited the documents to the years since 2017, not 2010 as the lawyers had sought.

"Plaintiff has waived her psychotherapist-patient privilege by placing into controversy the reportedly extraordinary, continuing emotional distress allegedly resulting from Defendants' photograph-related actions or inactions," the judge wrote of the Jan. 26, 2020, crash near Los Angeles.

Vanessa Bryant testified in her deposition that because of the photos she has suffered constant fear and anxiety and has had trouble sleeping. She is suing for invasion of privacy, asking for damages for emotional distress. The case is scheduled for trial in February.

County lawyers led by outside counsel Skip Miller argue that the deaths themselves caused her distress, and they sought the therapy records to determine Bryant's mental state.

The same judge rejected a previous effort by the county to require her to undergo a mental health evaluation.

Her lawyers argued that the effort to get her therapy records was a further invasion of her privacy.

"The County continues to have nothing but the deepest sympathy for the enormous grief Ms. Bryant suffered as a result of the tragic helicopter accident. We are gratified that the Court has granted our motion for access to her medical records, as it is a standard request in lawsuits where a plaintiff demands millions of dollars for claims of emotional distress," Miller said in a statement obtained by the Times.

Lawyers for Vanessa Bryant didn't immediately comment.

A Times investigation in March revealed that deputies had shared the grim images of the scene. The photos were shared internally and by one deputy who displayed his cellphone in a Norwalk, California, bar and by a fire captain who showed the images on his phone during an award shows cocktail hour.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva ordered all deputies with images of the crash to delete them immediately after learning of a Jan. 29 citizen complaint about the bar incident.

49ers win 1st home game in more than a year, 31-10 over Rams

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—After a nearly two-month stretch that featured one win and far too many disappointments, the San Francisco 49ers were running out of time to establish an identity this season.

An opening 18-play touchdown drive against the rival Los Angeles Rams was a pretty good start.

Jimmy Garoppolo capped that long drive with the first of his two touchdown passes, Jimmie Ward returned one of his two first-quarter interceptions for another score and the 49ers beat the Rams 31-10 on Monday night for their first home win in more than a year.

"It got us into a rhythm for sure," Garoppolo said. "That's the way we want to do it. Just running the ball, converting on third down and then score at the end. I don't want to say it took their soul away but it definitely did something."

The Niners (4-5) had lost four of five games and were in danger of falling out of the playoff race before putting together a complete performance in their fifth straight win against the Rams (7-3).

Garoppolo threw TD passes to George Kittle and Deebo Samuel, Samuel also ran for a score and Ward delivered the big plays defensively to give San Francisco its second home win in the past two seasons. The other also came against the Rams on Oct. 18, 2020.

It all started on the ground, where coach Kyle Shanahan had set an audacious goal of 40 carries that the Niners exceeded with 44 runs for 156 yards.

"I almost regretted it because it's tough to do," Shanahan said. "I'm glad I set it. We came through with it. It's a huge team goal."

San Francisco had its most rushes in a regular-season game in nine years. The Niners used a similar formula two years ago when they made it to the Super Bowl.

Last week, San Francisco had 11 carries for 39 yards in a 31-17 loss to Arizona.

"If you want to establish any type of dominance, especially in the trenches, I think that is necessary," left tackle Trent Williams said. "You got to run the ball and got to make your opponents respect it."

The Niners sealed the game when Garoppolo connected on a 40-yard TD to Samuel on fourth-and-6 early in the fourth quarter that made it 31-7.

Garoppolo finished 15 for 19 for 182 yards and the two TDs.

The Rams lost for the second straight week with Matthew Stafford once again throwing two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown.

Los Angeles struggled to get into any rhythm offensively in the first game after receiver Robert Woods went down with a season-ending knee injury last week in practice.

"This was a humbling night for us as a team, and a great opportunity for us to be able to take a deep breath, step away, look at the things that we need to correct, particularly offensively over the last couple of weeks," coach Sean McVay said.

Odell Beckham Jr. made his Los Angeles debut after signing last week but had only two catches for 18 yards.

Recently acquired edge rusher Von Miller also played for the first time with the Rams and had three tackles but didn't put pressure on Garoppolo.

Stafford went 26 for 41 for 243 yards with one TD, two interceptions and nearly a third that K'Waun Williams trapped on his backside only to have it wiped off by a penalty.

Ward intercepted Stafford on Los Angeles' first two drives of the game after coming into the night with two INTs in 85 games and none since 2016.

The first came on a deep heave by Stafford to Beckham that went right to Ward. The next came on a quick throw that tight end Tyler Higbee bobbled right into Ward's hands, leading to a 27-yard TD return.

Ward became the seventh player since 2000 with two interceptions, including a pick-6, in the first quarter.

The Niners did a good job keeping the ball away from Stafford in the first half. They had an 18-play, 93-yard drive that took 11:03 off the clock after Ward's first interception. It was capped by an 8-yard TD pass from Garoppolo to Kittle.

That was the second opening drive of at least 18 plays in the past eight seasons, with Houston doing it earlier this year against New England.

San Francisco then had an 11-play, 91-yard drive on it second possession capped by Samuel's 8-yard run to take a 21-7 lead.

McVay made a curious decision when he called for a fake field goal on fourth-and-8 from the 17 with 18 seconds left in the first half.

Holder Johnny Hekker completed a 2-yard pass to Kendall Blanton that was well short of the first down.

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Deebo Samuel (19) runs past Los Angeles Rams safety Jordan Fuller to score during the second half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., Monday, Nov. 15, 2021.

AP

Young, Watt leave with injuries, Mayfield limps off field

Reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year Chase Young suffered a potentially serious right knee injury on Sunday, putting a damper on Washington's big win against Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. 2020 All-Pro linebacker T.J. Watt injured a hip in Pittsburgh's tie with Detroit.

Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield limped off the field with an injured right knee during a blowout loss at New England, but said he expects to play next week.

Young was injured in the second quarter of Washington's 29-19 win against Tampa Bay. Young gave a halftime speech to teammates and was back on the sideline later on crutches.

"There's some concern," coach Ron Rivera said. "We'll have him evaluated tomorrow. Potentially an ACL, but we're not sure yet."

Young, the No. 2 pick overall out of Ohio State in the 2020 draft, crumpled to the ground with what appeared to be a non-contact injury after trying to get past left tackle Donovan Smith on a pass rush in the second quarter. Young pulled off and threw his helmet while down on the field before he was checked out by team trainers.

A cart was driven onto the field but Young instead motioned to right guard Brandon Scherff to help him stand up. A wincing Young then draped his arms on the shoulders of two people and walked to the locker room with a hitch.

At New England, Mayfield limped off after taking a pair of hits in the third quarter of a 45-7 loss. He said an X-ray after the game showed no structural damage.

"Gotta find a way to get as healthy as possible," Mayfield said. "Pretty beat up right now. It was just an awkward hit and landing. So, we'll see. Day by day."

Coach Kevin Stefanski said Mayfield could have gone back into the game and said the QB wanted to return. The Browns trailed 31-7 at the time Mayfield was hurt. He was 11 for 21 for 73 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Edge rusher Deatrich Wise drove Mayfield into the turf and was penalized for roughing the passer. Two plays later, linebacker Matt Judon crunched into Mayfield's midsection, and the QB was slow to get up.

Mayfield left the game a few minutes later and was replaced by Case Keenum, who was sacked on back-to-back plays. Mayfield visited the sideline medical tent and later limped out. He remained on the sideline for the rest of the game.

Mayfield, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 draft, missed one game this season with an injury to his non-throwing shoulder. The Browns, who entered the season with hopes of contending for their first division title since 1989, fell to 5-5.

Browns running back Nick Chubb was out due to a positive COVID-19 test.

Watt injured a hip when he sacked Detroit's Jared Goff in the third quarter of a 16-16 tie with Detroit and didn't return. The Steelers also lost left guard Kevin Dotson (ankle), veteran cornerback Joe Haden (foot) and right guard Trai Turner (ankle).

Lions running back Jemar Jefferson suffered an ankle injury at the end of his 28-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. The Lions also lost safety Tracy Walker (concussion protocol) and tackle Matt Nelson (ankle).

Cardinals backup quarterback Colt McCoy, playing a second straight game for the injured Kyler Murray, was knocked out with a chest injury in the third quarter of a 34-10 loss to Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers and didn't return.

Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones hobbled off the field with a knee injury in the second of a 17-0 win against Seattle.

Saints wide receiver Ty Montgomery II went to the locker room late in New Orleans' second series against Tennessee with an injured finger and didn't return. Titans linebacker Bud Dupree, their biggest free agent signee this offseason, went to the locker room early with an abdominal issue and was declared out.

Bills defensive tackle Star Lotulelei was placed on the reserve/COVID-19 list a few hours before kickoff of a 45-17 victory against the Jets. Wide receiver Isaiah McKenzie appeared to injure his right ankle late in the fourth quarter. Coach Sean McDermott didn't have an update after the game.

Jets rookie cornerback Brandin Echols left in the second quarter with a thigh injury.

Other injuries Sunday included Jaguars linebacker Dakota Allen (shoulder), Falcons safety Jaylinn Hawkins (ankle), Panthers safety Myles Hartsfield (hand), Eagles tight end Dallas Goedert (concussion), Broncos inside linebacker Baron Browning (back), Seahawks offensive tackle Duane Brown (hip) and Packers linebackers Rashan Gary (arm) and Whitney Mercilus (biceps). ***(AP)***

Nick Sablan shows 'young ones' how it's done

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Although he's already considered a super senior, former CNMI national golfer Nick Sablan showed everyone he's still the *man'amko* to beat by topping the senior flight of last Saturday's Rotary Goodwill Golf Classic Tournament at the Coral Ocean Resort.

The 69-year-old par-buster fired a 4-over 76 built around a 37 in the front nine and 39 in the back that included 11 pars.

Sablan said him winning the senior flight hopefully will silence all the doubters out there who think he's over the hill.

"I'm glad I can still play and show the young guys coming up in the senior flight I can still play…I worked hard and showed them that I can still do this," he said.

Sablan, who picked up the sport in his late 20s, said unlike other golfers who were affected by the topsy-turvy weather last Saturday, he found the conditions at the former COR ideal.

"It was OK. Overall the conditions were OK…It was not so windy."

He did acknowledge though that the par-4s did get the better of him, especially in holes No. 17 and 14 where he bogeyed.

When asked what he'll do with the $500 purse he received for winning the senior flight, Sablan said like always he shared the prizemoney with his old pal and golfing buddy, Rick Kautz.

"Me and Rick always play together so whenever we win we share," he said.

Coming in second to Sablan in the senior flight was Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, who is a member of the CNMI National Golf Team for next year's Pacific Mini Games. Camacho finished with a 5-over part 77 (37-40), including a birdie in hole No. 5. Coming in third and fourth were Ben Duenas (78, 38-40) and Joe Tudela (79, 41-38), respectively. The runner-up finish was worth $300 for Camacho, while Duenas got $200 and Tudela $100.

Camacho congratulated Sablan for edging him in the senior flight.

"Well, he played much better than everyone else did including myself and it's great to be at least setting the bars so that you can inspire others to do the same," he said.

In the C flight, Bartley Jackson took the plum with an 84 (43-41), while Dave Jones (86, 43-43), Christopher Leon Guerrero (88, 43-45), and Sean Ficke (89, 43-46) complete the Top 3. Jackson, Jones, Leon Guerrero, and Ficke earned $500, $300, $200, and $100, respectively.

Nick Sablan, fourth from right, poses with other senior flight winners and Rotary Club of Saipan officials led by president Ivan Ilmov, eighth from right, during the 2021 Rotary Goodwill Golf Classic Tournament awards banquet last Saturday at Saipan World Resort. MARK RABAGO

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	10	4	.714	–
New York	8	6	.571	2
Philadelphia	8	6	.571	2
Boston	7	7	.500	3
Toronto	7	8	.467	3½

Southeast Division

Washington	10	3	.769	–
Miami	9	5	.643	1½
Charlotte	8	7	.533	3
Atlanta	6	9	.400	5
Orlando	3	11	.214	7½

Central Division

Chicago	10	4	.714	–
Cleveland	9	6	.600	1½
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	4
Indiana	6	9	.400	4½
Detroit	3	10	.231	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	9	4	.692	–
Memphis	7	7	.500	2½
San Antonio	4	9	.308	5
New Orleans	2	13	.133	8
Houston	1	13	.071	8½

Northwest Division

Denver	9	5	.643	–
Utah	8	5	.615	½
Portland	7	8	.467	2½
Oklahoma City	5	8	.385	3½
Minnesota	4	9	.308	4½

Pacific Division

Golden State	11	2	.846	–
Phoenix	10	3	.769	1
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615	3
L.A. Lakers	8	7	.533	4
Sacramento	6	8	.429	5½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	280	135
New England	6	4	0	.600	275	177
Miami	3	7	0	.300	177	252
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	161	296

South

Tennessee	8	2	0	.800	278	232
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	268	230
Jacksonville	2	7	0	.222	149	232
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258

North

Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	231	217
Pittsburgh	5	3	1	.611	177	185
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236	203
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500	231	241

West

Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	262	241
L.A. Chargers	5	4	0	.556	219	228
Las Vegas	5	4	0	.556	210	230
Denver	5	5	0	.500	200	183

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	7	2	0	.778	284	195
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	257	231
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216
Washington	3	6	0	.333	185	246

South

Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	279	212
New Orleans	5	4	0	.556	222	178
Carolina	5	5	0	.500	205	193
Atlanta	4	5	0	.444	178	263

North

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	216	180
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	221	211
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	224
Detroit	0	8	1	.056	150	260

West

Arizona	8	2	0	.800	287	189
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	271	227
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	216	212
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	181	186

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las and Pang. He and William Arriola then won over Blake and Marc Angelo Danga, 15-3.

Mister's fifth win came against Salas and Winkfield, 15-6, playing alongside Jakey Deleon Guerrero. He then followed that up with a hard-earned 16-14 nipping of Blake and Pang while playing with Danga before losing his only game, 13-15, against Balakrishna and Pang while suiting up with M.J. De Belen.

He bounced back after that loss with a 15-2 shellacking of Dylan and De Belen while partnering with Louis Cataluna. Mister then teamed up with Dylan and the Misters beat Balakrishna and Justo, 15-11. It was Blake's turn to play with his father and they barely defeated Deleon Guerrero and Danga, 16-14.

Mister finally joined forces with former Marianas High School colleague Winkfield and the duo outplayed Dylan and Salas, 17-15, before he concluded his successful stint in the tryout with a 15-7 victory over sons Dylan and Blake playing with Salas.

The King of the Court champion thanked NMIVA for staging the tryout despite of the recent community outbreak of COVID-19.

"A big shout out to all of the volunteers. It's great to see our younger players getting out on the court. It's time to knock this salty dog off the throne," he said, while adding that he's "very proud of our boys" Blake and Dylan.

Mister has represented the CNMI in a total of five Pacific Games—1999 in Guam, 2003 in Fiji, 2007 in Samoa, 2011 in New Caledonia, and 2019 again in Samoa.

Balakrishna finished second to Mister in the King of the Court tourney with 179 points, while Deleon Guerrero closed out the Top 3 with 169 points.

Meanwhile, Queen of the Court Kathleen Winkfield thanked NMIVA for the successful staging of the tryout last Saturday.

"Thank you NMIVA for running these tournaments and giving these opportunities for the community to represent Saipan! It was great to see and play with motivated individuals out together competing in a sport that we all love. Thank you for the sportsmanship both on and off the court from everyone and I hope to continue seeing more of this as the tryouts and training continues in preparation for the Pacific Mini Games," she said.

What made Winkfield's win in the tryout more amazing was it came a couple of weeks after she and Jacoby welcomed another child.

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Ruben Antonio, who scored in the 50th and 60th minute, respectively.

Paire, on the other hand, finally got into the board in the 74th minute to avert a shutout loss.

After last Thursday's tiff, Kanoa returned to the pitch last Sunday and had a similar 4-1 triumph over Old B Bank. This time, Kanoa scored in the first half off Andrew Sablan's conversion, while a goal from Albert Bergancia in the 50th minute knotted the count.

However, that was it for Old B Bank, while Kanoa countered with three goals in the second half, courtesy of Ian Lubao's back-to-back (63rd and 77th minute) and one from Omelau (80th minute).

With the wins over Old B Bank and Paire, Kanoa jumped from fourth to a tie for second place with the NMI Boys U18 National Team. Kanoa and NMI U18 hold similar 3-0-1 win-draw-loss records, just slightly behind TanHoldings (3-0-0). The NMI U18 was handed victory No. 3 following a forfeiture win over Paire last Sunday.

Hafa Adai Cup
WNT U18 6, Kanoa 1

The NMI Women's National Team earned its first victory of the season after outclassing Kanoa last Friday.

Five different players scored for the WNT U18 with Allyssya Angeles contributing two and Jannah Casarino, Kaithlyn Chavez, Pia Ngewakl, and Rizza Relucio adding two.

Ruselle Zapanta made the lone goal for Kanoa.

Bangladesh Youth 6, Kanoa 1

Bangladesh Youth also entered the win column last weekend after dominating Kanoa.

Rassel led the lopsided victory after delivering a hat-trick. Mohammad Islam, Mahbubur Rahman, and Hossain Chowdhury chipped in one apiece. Raphael Zapanta scored the only goal for Kanoa.

Shirley's 2, Matansa 2

Shirley's forced a draw against Matansa after a late goal from Ho Jin Woo.

Woo drilled the equalizer in the 78th minute, seven minutes after Justin Weaver gave Matansa the shaky lead, 2-1. Matansa's other goal came from Salas Carl Walter in the 30th minute, while Shirley's first goal was courtesy of Dhiraj Chhetri in the 48th minute.

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considered for the Olympics and the International Federation of Pickleball has 66 countries now. The CNMI can be the 67th."

IFP membership chair Steve Sidwell, in a letter to Krum, welcomed the rechristened PFNMI to the fold as a provisional member.

"It is with great pleasure that we welcome the Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands, representing the Northern Mariana Islands, to the International Federation of Pickleball as a provisional member and the latest member country of the global authority for pickleball!

He added that with the appointment, PFNMI agrees to support the IFP constitution and bylaws as the 67th member country of the IFP.

"As a note of clarification, we have just recently added the new 'provisional' IFP member country classification. Going forward, this classification will be assigned to all IFP member countries who do not yet have an active National Olympic Committee (NOC) in place. Apart from this, provisional member countries enjoy all the rights and privileges of IFP affiliate member countries," said Sidwell.

PFNMI held its first-ever tournament at the Capitol Hill tennis courts last Oct. 30 with Donn Dunlop and Leith Poole topping a field of 16 players after accumulating a perfect 105 points each in a round-robin format.

In a little over a year of existence, PFNMI has grown from five regular players to 20. It also now has three courts at the Church of Latter-day Saints along Middle Road and four courts on Capitol Hill.

With over 3 million players, pickleball is arguably the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and its popularity has spread all over the world as pickleball—with the recent recognition of the CNMI—is currently played in 67 countries.

With regards to the Prince reference, the late great American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer, and actor for a while changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol and was sometimes referred to as the Artist Formerly Known as Prince or TAFKAP.

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Tyce Mister is King of the Court

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Veteran spiker Tyce Mister beat up on players that were young enough to be his sons—two actually were his—to reign supreme in the men's division of the King and Queen of the Court Tournament held by the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association last Saturday at the sand courts of the Crowne Plaza Resort.

The competition served as the second tryout NMIVA hosted to select players for the CNMI National Beach Volleyball Team for next year's Pacific Mini Games the CNMI will be hosting to the first time.

Mister, who won a beach volleyball gold in the 2006 Saipan Micronesian Games along with Chris Nelson, won 11 of 12 games and finished with the highest total with 182 points.

The 54-year-old Gold's Gym general manager started things out by partnering with Steven Balakrishna and the duo stopped his 16-year-old son, Dylan, and Jacoby Winkfield, 15-3. He and En Yang Pang then scored a 15-10 win against his 18-year-old son, Blake, and Winkfield.

Playing with John Moises Justo, Mister fashioned out a 15-9 victory over Jermaine Sa-

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Tyce Mister won 11 out of 12 games en route to winning the men's division of the King and Queen of the Court tryouts held last Saturday at the sand courts of the Crowne Plaza Resort.
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Kanoa stretches win streak in MSL Cup

Kanoa Football Club's Ruben Guerrero, center, seen here in action against Old B Bank in an earlier game in the Marianas Soccer League Summer Season 2021, scored in their 4-1 triumph over the Paire FC last Thursday in the MSL Cup at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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It's three in a row for Kanoa Football Club, as it notched twin wins in the MSL Cup of the Marianas Soccer League Fall Season 2021 last week.

Kanoa, which entered the win column last Oct. 28 after topping Eleven Tiger, 5-1, extended its streak to three following victories over Paire Football Club and Old B Bank.

Against Paire in last Thursday's match at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville, Kanoa recorded a 4-1 win, behind the pair of goals of Andruw Omelau. The two goals came after a scoreless first half with Omelau breaking Kanoa's silence with his shot in the 41st minute before getting his second goal seven minutes later. Kanoa's two other goals were courtesy of Leland Deleon Guerrero and

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Paradise Pickleball Club does a Prince

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Might as well call them the group formerly known as Paradise Pickleball Club of Saipan after the fledgling association changed its name to the Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands.

PFNMI president Nelson Krum said the name-change came about after the International Federation of Pickleball made them a provisional member.

"We have been approached to join the International Federation of Pickleball and one of their requirements is rather than have a local club name like Paradise Pickleball Club of Saipan they wanted it to be either a federation or association," he said.

Krum, who co-founded the club in August last year with his wife Donna, said the IFP is quite aggressive in recruiting local federations in their quest for pickleball to become part of the Olympics.

"So now that we're the Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands they're considering us a country. There are 66 countries in the international federation and they're considering us to be a part of that."

Krum said becoming the 67th country to join the IFP will only make them eight countries short of pickleball being considered for inclusion in the Olympics.

"You have to reach 75 countries first for a sport to be

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Pickleball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands president Nelson Krum, left, in action during the group's first-ever tournament last Oct. 30 at the Capitol Hill tennis courts. MARK RABAGO